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MONTHLY NOTE NOVEMBER 2017



School Holidays this Month:

School Closed : Thursday 1 November

Activities this Month:

Date	Activity
Monday 6, 13, 20, 27 November	P6 Mr Fegan Swimming 11.10-11.50am
Monday 6, 13, 20, 27 November	P2-P3 Multi Sports 2-3pm P4-P5 Multi Sports 3-4pm
Tuesday 7, 14, 21, 28 November	P2-P3 Tennis 2-3pm P4-P7 Tennis 3-4pm
Tuesday 7, 14 November	P4 Mr Byrnes Art 3-4pm
Tuesday 21, 28 November	P6 Ms McDonald Art 3-4pm
Tuesday 7, 14, 21 November	P5-P7 Traditional Music 3-4pm NO class on 28 November
Tuesday 7, 14, 21, 28 November	P7 Girls Netball 3-4pm
Wednesday 15, 22, 29 November	P4 & P5 Gaelic in Abbey GS 3.00-4.15pm Children MUST be picked up from the Abbey GS carpark (beside Sports Hall) at 4.15pm promptly
Thursday 2, 9, 16, 23 November (23 rd last class)	P2-P3 Evo Soccer 2-3pm P4-P7 Evo Soccer 3-4pm
Thursday 2, 9, 16, 23 November (23 rd last class)	P5 Icode Club 3-4pm
Thursday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November	P6 Mr Fegan's Baking 3.00-4.15pm
Friday 3, 10, 17, 24 November	P2-P3 Hip Hop 2-3pm P4-P7 Hip Hop 3-4pm

News & Events this Month:

Sacrament Dates

First Confession	Thursday 30 November 2017 at 7pm in St Mary's Church
First Holy Communion	Saturday 12 May 2018 at 10.30am in St Mary's Church
Confirmation	Friday 9 March 2018 at 6pm in St Brigid's Church
P7 Sacrament Meeting	Wednesday 22 November at 7pm in the Assembly Hall (organised by Newry Parish Pastoral Council and Sacramental Team)

P3 Parents Assembly

An Assembly for P3 Parents will take place on **Thursday 23 November and will start at 1.45pm** in the School Assembly Hall.

P1 Admissions meeting

An information evening for parents of children stating P1 in September 2018 will be held in the School Assembly Hall on **Thursday 23 November at 7pm**. Please let anyone that may be interested know.

Circuit Training

Circuit training for adults organised by the Parents Association commences again on **Monday 13 November from 7-8pm** in the Assembly Hall at a cost of £3 per night. **Please come along support our Parents Association**. Remember this is open to any adult not just parents!

Library Visits

Visits to Newry Library will take place for the following classes :

P6 Ms McDonald : **Tuesday 6, 13 November**

P6 Mr Fegan : **Tuesday 7, 14 November**

P7 GL Transfer Test

The GL Transfer Test takes place in the Sacred Heart GS on **Saturday 18 November**.

Dinner Money

Dinner money must only be paid on **Mondays and Tuesday** in advance of the week. Dinner money envelopes are available from the school office on request and have been sent home in Sept.

Evo Soccer Tournament

There will be a Evo Soccer Tournament in Banbridge on **Thursday 9 November** for selected P6 & P7 children.

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Christmas Cards

Christmas card, tags and christmas wrapping paper orders must be placed by **Tuesday 7 November**. Order forms etc were sent home with your child on Thurs 2nd November. REMEMBER to return these to your child's class teacher.

Flu Immunisation

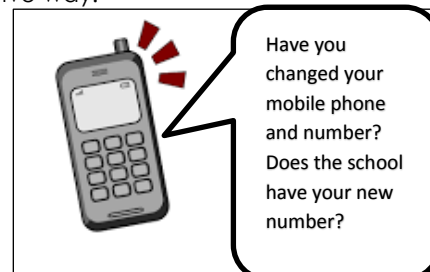
The flu Immunisation programme will take place on **Monday 13 November** for all children who have completed their forms. If you have not returned this form your child WILL NOT immunised against the flu.

P1/P2 Maths Night

We are hosting a Maths Evening for Primary 1 and Primary 2 parents on **Wednesday 15 November at 7.00pm**. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Timothy Doyle, former Maths adviser for ELB. Timothy will discuss some of the strategies we are using to teach maths in Primary 1 and 2. We hope as many parents as possible are able to attend. This is a great way to help you to help your child develop their early numerical skills, in a fun and interactive way.

Year 8 Open Days/Nights

Sacred Heart GS:	Thursday 23 November at 7.30pm
Christian Brothers Abbey GS	Saturday 13 January Time TBC
Our Lady's GS	Tuesday 5 December 7.00pm
St Colman's College	Saturday 20 January 10.00am-1.00pm
St Mary's HS Newry	Monday 15 January 7pm
Newry High School	Thursday 11 January Time TBC



Shoe Box Appeal (Newry Rotary)

Once again the school will be participating in the Rotary Club's Shoe Box appeal. Further information and Shoe Boxes will be sent home with pupils (eldest in family) over the coming weeks. The closing date for boxes is **Thurs 30th November**. Please return the box even if it is not filled.

Parking

The turning circle is not part of the School car park. **AT NO TIME** should any parent park in the turning circle (nor in the car park of St. Clare's Convent) or on the Avenue. This endangers the life of our pupils (and neighbours) and creates traffic problems. **If dropping children off at the turning circle may sure they exit the car on the footpath side.**

Parents should not tell their children to cross at St Clare's Convent to the Sacred Heart GS unaccompanied. **Teachers are not responsible for supervision of children at this point.** Children should be picked up either at the front of the school or on Ashgrove Avenue gate. Neither Sacred Heart Grammar nor St Clare's convent have given school permission for parents to park in their premises so please Do Not park there. Please REMEMBER to be patient and courteous and to remind anyone who picks your child up from school of the parking protocol.

School Crossing Patrol

To improve safety on our school grounds we hope to have a School Crossing Patrol starting with us within the next number of weeks. They will be positioned at St Ronan's PS/ Sacred Heart Grammar School Main Entrance from 8.30am - 9.15am and 1.50pm - 3.35pm. **Please remember to be respectful and considerate.**

PE Uniform Days:

P1/P2 parents please remember **PE trainers on PE Days** only.

P3 – DB Tues/Fri	BH Tues/Fri	P4 - KMK Mon/Wed	CB Mon/Wed
P5 MB Tues/Fri	MMI Mon/Fri	P6 CMD Thus/Fri	RF Mon/Fri
P7 PF Tues	DQ Thurs		

*Full school uniform **MUST** be worn at all other times*

Sickness

As we enter the winter period colds and flu become more prevalent. If your child is sick and vomiting please keep them at home for at least 24hrs after the vomiting stops. This helps to stop the spread of infection.

Remember to send you child to school with a coat.

Lunches

Please ensure if your child is taking lunches to school that they have a drink packed and a spoon, if required. St. Ronan's is a healthy eating school.

Halloween Disco

A big thank you to **Wards Rochmount (Newry)** for providing the treats for our Halloween Disco and the continued support of our Paents Association. This event raised **£565.00!** **PLEASE SUPPORT our PA and ther Activities.** Part of the money being raised this year is financing our Primary Language programme from P1 – P7. Without your support we could not offer your child the opportunity to learn an additional language.

School Charity – Children Helping Children

Our school Charity is Children Helping Children. This is the Pope's Charity for schools and it has been in existance for over 100 years. Encourage your child(ren) to do small jobs around the house and to donate weekly either 5p, 10p or 20p to help children less fortunate. Each class has a Children Helping Children donation jar.

Updated Holiday List and Sacramental Dates

Along with this note you will receive an updated list of holidays and confirmed sacramental dates. Please note change of venue for Confession and Communion. The school at all times tries to avoid changing dates but at times we have no choice but we will give you as much notice as possible. These are also publised on the school app and school website.

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