



## Weekly Note

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**Monday, 19 September 2016**

#### **School Mass**

The start of year school mass will be celebrated in the school on Monday **26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 10am**. All parents, family and friends of the school and local parish are welcome to attend. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards in the school canteen.

#### **Reminder: PTA**

The AGM for our very active PTA will be held in the school assembly hall **tonight at 7pm**. We would like as many parents as possible to attend and if there are any new parents who would like to become part of our PTA and help raise much needed funds for the school please let us know on the night. There are many roles within the PTA with varying levels of commitment so if you have a little time you could spare to help please consider helping out, your support is greatly appreciated.

#### **Sunday Mass**

The children will be celebrating mass together this Sunday in St Mary's Oratory. All families are welcome to attend particularly the P4 and P7 families who are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion this year.

#### **Sign In and Sign Out**

There is a register in the School Office with Miss Capatti which parents should sign if they are leaving their child to school late or collecting them early. Parents should ensure they go to the secretary's office on arrival so that you can sign this register. The register will be left out by Miss Capatti so if the office is unattended, particularly in the afternoon, please ensure you still complete the register. This is a Child Protection issue and we would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

### **Permission Slips and Data Collection Forms**

Could all parents please ensure that they have returned all permission slips and data collection forms. If you need a copy of these documents please see Miss Capatti in the office and return them to school ASAP. Thank you.

### **Free School Meals**

I would ask all parents who are entitled to Free School Meals to please apply even if their child does not wish to have their Free School Dinner. The funding formula for schools from DENI allocates more money to the school if children are entitled to receive Free School Meals and also opens up further funding opportunities such as Extended Schools. This is money the school could use to buy resources for the school. Please if you are entitled apply for the Free School Meals even if you do not intend to use them as it would be of great benefit to the school.

### **Transfer Test Information**

**Reminder that Registration for the Entrance Assessment Test closes at 2pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.**

Pupils currently in Primary 7 wishing to transfer to Grammar Schools in September 2016 will be required to register for and take an Entrance Test. Parents must register their child for the college's Entrance Test **before the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.**

A Registration Pack may be obtained in person from the chosen college, or by writing to the school enclosing a self-addressed, stamped A4 envelope or downloaded directly from the school website.

The registration period began on **16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and closes on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 at 2pm.**  
**This is the responsibility of the Parents not the Primary School.**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Our First Communion Mass is organised for **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 11.00am** in St Mary's Oratory. This is the only date confirmed this year so far other dates for Confirmation and the sacrament of First Communion will be sent out as soon as they are available.

**Mrs Caroline Callan**