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Progress Through Partnership, Leading To Excellence



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March Update Newsletter

Please take time to read our March newsletter as there are important dates and information for all parents to be aware of between now and the Easter holidays.



Well done Charlie! P6 pupil Charlie McCarthy hit the headlines right across Europe earlier this month. His letter to Belgian National Team Coach, Roberto Martinez caught the attention of both the French and Flemish speaking media. We have been told that Roberto Martinez himself has read the letter and will be responding in kind to Charlie very soon. Both the Belgian Ambassador to Ireland and the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs took time out to praise Charlie and to thank him for his support of the *'Red Devils.'*

We will celebrate **World Book Day on Thursday 15 March.** The day will kick off with a Fashion Parade as our children came to school dressed as their favourite literary characters. Each child will receive a complimentary book token and partake in a number of activities aimed at promoting a love of literature in our children. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs McMahon for organising such this successful curriculum theme day. Thank you too parents for contributing your childhood stories to our Facebook discussion.

Breakfast Club

Continues to be a huge hit with our children and is the perfect start to the school day.

Single child: £1.00

Two or more children from the same family: £2.00

ASC - Fee £2.00/day for each child.
(NURSERY – P3 1.45pm – 2.35pm)

EASC (NURSERY – P7 2.35pm-6pm) - Fee £8 per session (2.35pm up to 6pm)/£5 per ½ session (2.35pm up to 4pm.)

First Confession

Well done P3 and Mrs McMahon and Miss Heaney for preparing our children so well. They showed both maturity and reverence throughout the preparation for the Sacrament.



Silver



P6 Literacy and Numeracy Booster

Afterschool classes will now continue as per dates given out before half term. Thanks to all the parents for attending the information meeting.

PSNI – Internet Safety Day

Thank you to all those who attended the recent Safety Online talk delivered in school by Constable Hoyle and her team at Banbridge PSNI. The talks given to our children during the day and our parents at night will help educate us all as a community and will enable us to make our school safer for our children,

PTE/PTM End of year assessments

Our yearly assessments in English and Maths will take place during the first few weeks of May 2018. More will follow in the next update.

New School Website and App

It is hoped the new school website will be live after the Easter Break. For a preview (site under construction) go to: <http://stcolmansandallsaints.swdpreview.com/home/>



Easter Fayre

Easter Fayre this year takes place on **Monday 26th March** from 1pm to 2.30pm. Raffle tickets have been selling well but we would like to make a final appeal for unwanted toys, games or teddies that may indeed prove to be a treasure for another child. A successful stall each year is the home baking items so please send it your Mary Berry efforts on Monday morning. Once again your efforts are greatly appreciated and go a long way to building the fantastic shared ethos we have here in our school.

All are welcome to one of the highlights of the school year! Thanks to Mrs Loy and P7 for organising the event.

Easter Art/Bonnet Competition

Mrs Gribben will parade the Nursery Bonnets in the school hall on Wednesday 28th March. Afterwards this will be followed by Miss McKay who is the lead judge in the Easter Art competition for P1-P7

School Leadership Structure

Congratulations to both Mrs McMahon and Miss Finnegan on their recent appointments as Senior Teachers in the school.

Nursery Play Equipment

Thank you to the parents for their recent fundraising. This money has bought some lovely new outdoor play equipment. The smiles on their faces tell their own story!



Twitter & Facebook

Make sure you stay up to date with what is going on in all of our classrooms by following us on twitter: @stcolmansps and by joining the Parents Facebook Group.

Derek Ryan

Well done Miss Lively in getting Derek Ryan to acknowledge the work P7 are doing on autobiographies and the excellent work the school council are doing as they work towards their Green Flag assessment in Summer Term. Video is on twitter and facebook.

Calendar March 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 th	6 th	7 th P7 Library	8 th P3 Assembly	9 th
12 th	13 th	14 th P4 Assembly P6 Library	15 th NU Assembly World Book Day	16 th
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd P2 Shared Ed.	23 rd
26 th Easter Fayre	27 th Blue Team House Reward - Cinema	28 th Easter Bonnet & Art Competition	29 th School Closes at 1100	30 th

School re-opens on Monday 9th April for the Summer Term!

Thank You!!!



Thank you to our Parents Association who presented the school with a cheque for £4,000. This money will ensure that both Spanish and Down Gaelic Football Coaching (P4-P7) will continue next year. Pictured with Mr O'Neill are Mrs Patricia Connelly (Spanish teacher), Benny McArdle (Down GAA) and Primary 5 pupils Eimear, Aoife and Kevin.