

# St. Francis of Assisi Primary School

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14th September 2018

## NEWSLETTER TERM 1B FOR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

### **Board of Governor - Parent Representative:**

The school would like to thank Mrs Anna McCann for her commitment and service as Parent Representative on the Board of Governors over the last number of years. Mrs McCann has represented the views of our parents most effectively at governor level and has been a loyal and committed advocate of the school. In line with the Reconstitution of the Board of Governors, this position is now open for nominations. It is imperative that if nominations are made that consent from the nominee has been sought before any form is returned to the school. Should there be a number of nominees, voting will take place by private ballot. Nomination forms are available upon request from the school Principal, Mrs Hughes. Completed nomination forms must be returned directly to the principal before Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

### **Healthy Kidz:**

Parents are reminded that the cost of the Healthy Kidz PE Programme comes at a considerable cost. If our pupils are to benefit from this specialised coaching all families are asked to make a concerted effort to raise the maximum amount of funding through the sponsored 'Big Work Out Day'. There will be prizes for our top fundraisers and plenty of fun to be had! All sponsor cards are to be returned to the class teacher on or before Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Christmas Performances:**

**Our P1 pupils will perform their play, 'A Wiggly Nativity' for their parents and family on Friday 7th December at 1.30pm in the school hall.**

A cake sale will be held in the hall after this performance to raise much needed funds to help resource the new outside play area for our foundation and key stage 1 classes. All parents are asked to call in at home time for a cuppa and a Christmas treat. All support to fund this great cause will be much appreciated!

**P2-P7 pupils will participate in a Christmas Carol Service in the TMAC Centre on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.** There will be an entrance fee for family and friends and it is hoped that all parents will come along to support their children.

### **Parent Teacher Association:**

We would like to say a massive thank you to our PTA 'Friends of St Francis' who were instrumental in raising much needed funds for school resources. Proceeds from last term's Ladies' Night were used to purchase the new Heinemann Interactive Numeracy Scheme which is presently being introduced in all our classes.

The additional funding generated by the school parent body is vital in helping to widen the range of learning experiences offered to the pupils in our school.

In an effort to ensure we are in the position to continue to drive the school forward we are asking parents to please become involved in our 'Friends of St Francis' parents group for 2018/19.

**The first meeting will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 at 6pm in the school Boardroom.  
All new members welcome!**

**Sacraments – Dates for the diary!**

Communion: Sunday 19th May at 11.30am  
Confirmation: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 3pm

**School photographs:**

The County Photos photographer will be on the premises on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November to take photographs of our **Reception, P.1 and P.7 classes. A small complimentary photograph will also be taken of children who are due to make their First Holy Communion for display purposes for the Church. A group photograph will be taken of all children in the P.1 and P.7 class only.** In addition to this, the photographer will be available to take **requested** photographs from any of the other classes.

Should any other parent like to order photographs, please indicate on the reply slip below and return to class teacher by this **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.** The photographer will be in school from 9.00 am. until 2.00 pm.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs F Hughes  
Principal

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**REPLY SLIP**

I wish to have photographs taken as detailed below:

- Please indicate by ticking family grouping, and/or individual photographs.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_(Parent/Guardian)

Family grouping with my children currently attending school.

Individual photo

***These groupings will be organised by school staff during the school day. Parents do not need to attend.***

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_