ST CONOR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & **NURSERY UNIT NEWSLETTER**

JANUARY 2018

Diary Dates

| Thursday 4 th January | Omagh Integrated College to talk with Year 7 pupils |
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| Wednesday 10 th January | Gymnastics Coaching (in-school) begins |
| Friday 12 th January | Basketball resumes after-school (Year 7) |
| Saturday 13 th January | 6 pm: Do This in Memory Mass for Year 4 in Sacred Heart Church |
| Tuesday 16 th January | Year 7PL Educational Trip to the Folk Park |
| Wednesday 17 th January | 10-week programme of After-school sporting activities with Coach Matthew (for Year 5 initially) |
| Thursday 18 th January | Year 7GC Educational Trip to the Folk Park |
| Friday 19 th January | STAFF TRAINING DAY |
| Thursday 25 th January | "Taster Day" at Sacred Heart College for Year 7s |
| Friday 26 th | Running Club resumes for Years 5 – 7 (8.15 – 9 am) |
| 29 th January – 3 rd February | Catholic Schools' Week |

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Board of Governors, Principal and Staff of St Conor's Primary School & Nursery Unit wish all our school community a happy and healthy 2018. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you, the parents, to ensure that this is another successful and happy term for all of the children at St Conor's.

Change of date: PLEASE NOTE

The date of the Staff training for January has changed. It is now FRIDAY 19th January 2018 and not Friday 26th January 2018. School is closed for pupils on Friday 19th January 2018.



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Friday 19th January: **Staff Training**

Thurs 15 – Fri 16th Feb: Mid-term Holiday

Dates for Sacraments

First Confession: Wednesday 7th March 2018 @ 7 pm **First Eucharist:** Sunday 20th May 2018 @ 12.30 pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 10th March 2018 at 11 am

PTFA: BAZAAR

Congratulations to our PTFA and to all our parents and children for ensuring that our annual Christmas Bazaar was a success. The proceeds were an amazing £3,044.37!! This money goes towards School Funds to purchase teaching and learning resources for your children. A big thank-you to all concerned.

Principal Award Winners - December

The following children were awarded a Principal's Certificate at Assembly:

| Nursery | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 |
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| Dara Cox | Faolan Donnelly | Niamh Duffy | Mia McGale |
| Amy Hutchinson | Toni-Leigh Kirk | Paula Gallen | Aine Barrett-Wylie |
| Shea Rafferty | Rose Gallagher | Patrycja Jarosz | Matthew McGinn |
| Dylan Crawford | Ryan Giby | Caitlin Pancott | Daithi McGinn |
| Aleisha Donnell | Cassie Donaghy | Fionn Devlin | Caoimhe McCrory |
| Ashton Martin | Freya McCann | Eva Kelly | Oisin Lunney |
| Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 |
| Nathaniel Golba | Ruairi McGuigan | Oisin Stewart | Carla Grimley |
| Eunan McClean | Victoria Zlezarczyk | Tiernan Kelly | Erin Lunney |
| Dara Sheridan | Fionnuala Barrett | Maria Mullin | Michael McDonagh |
| Niall Burt | Donal Franey | Patrick Duddy | Charlie McCann |
| Alex Andrews | Eimear McGinn | Erin Logue | Rares Ursu |
| Grace Marshall | James Fyffe | Tiernan Gray | Kristian Devine |

Catholic Schools Week 2018: Grandparents' Day

Catholic Schools' Week 2018 is celebrated 29th January – 3rd February 2018. The highlight of this week will be Grandparents' Day which we will celebrate on Thursday 2nd February 2018.

We look forward to a wonderful morning and welcoming lots of grandparents to our school – details of time etc. will follow.

Irish Dancing – after school on Tuesdays

Irish Dancing classes for boys and girls of all ages in the school hall after school every Tuesday with Irish Dance Teacher, Patricia Wilson. Please telephone Patricia on 07871942499 for more information.

Student Council 2018

Our elected Councilors for the 2017-18 school year are:

| Year 4 | Alex Andrews |
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| | Aebha Devlin |
| | Eunan McClean |
| | Lia Ward |
| Year 5 | Grace Corrigan |
| | Michael Harbison |
| | Eva Chism |
| | Connor Keys |
| Year 6 | Oisin Stewart |
| | Genevieve Norris |
| | Sherona McKinney |
| | Tiernan Gray |
| Year 7 | Mike Sharkey |
| | Emma McQuaid |
| | Rory Dolan |
| | Caitlin Slevin |
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Congratulations to all our elected school councilors!

Meetings of the Student Council re scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month at 2.15 pm.

Mrs McCrystal (Co-ordinator) and Mrs McGettigan will be in attendance at the meetings!

Gymnastics Programme – in school

One of our curriculum priorities this year is the promotion and development of gymnastics which is an important part of the PE curriculum in primary schools. We have therefore invested in 7 weeks inschool coaching / staff development for all classes / teachers from Matthew (Corner Coaching), an experienced coach and trainer. Matthew is also offering after-school activities on Wednesday afternoons (initially for Year 5 children). £25 for 10 weeks.

Year 7 Transfer Information

ISSUE OF ASSESSMENT RESULTS: Saturday 27th January 2018

TRANSFER MEETINGS: Week beginning Monday 29th January 2018 – Friday 9th February 2018. You will be issued an invitation to attend a meeting with Mrs McGettigan and your child's teacher to complete your child's 'Transfer Form' outlining your preference of post-primary schools.

OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS FOR YEAR 7: Year 7 pupils and their parents are invited to visit post-primary schools before stating their preference of schools on the Transfer Form which is completed in February The following information summarises the arrangements which local post-primary schools have made regarding Open Days/Evenings: DRUMRAGH INTEGRATED COLLEGE: Saturday 6th January 2018 (9.45 am

- 1.30 pm); <u>SACRED HEART COLLEGE</u>: Saturday 13th January 2018 (10.00am - 1.00 pm); <u>CHRISTIAN</u> <u>BROTHERS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL</u>: Saturday 20th January 2018 (10 am - 1pm); <u>LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL</u>: Wednesday 24th January 2018 (5.30 pm)