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Dear Parents welcome back for our Summer Term.

### **Confirmation**

P7 pupils are going on a Confirmation Retreat tomorrow to Lough Derg. Please come prepared to school at 8.15am tomorrow morning. This has been organised by Father Gallagher and Fr McGahan with pupils from the Parishes of Clogher, Aghavea/ Aughintaine and Eskra all attending. They will be accompanied by Mrs Loretta Mulligan and Miss Eimear Mulrine on this event with 4 local Primary schools. The cost is £10 per child. P7 pupils paid £5 and school funds will cover the rest of the cost. The Parishes are covering the cost of the bus.

They will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 18th May in Saint Mary's Fivemletown at 11am. This will be livestreamed on the Parish Facebook page.

### **First Communion**

First Communion will take place on Saturday 11th May in St. Mary's Church, Brookeborough at 11am. Trevor Lucy photography has been booked to take the photographs. Once again we will be asking the P3, P5, P6 & P7 pupils to come along to the choir for First Communion. This will be livestreamed on the Parish Facebook page.

### **Thanks**

We wish to advise that Sheamus Greene has decided to step down as Chair of our Board of Governor's and we would like to thank him for his service to the school over the years.

### **Welcome back**

We welcome back Annette Bonner who has finished her placement at Edge Hill University.

### **Friend's of Saint Mary's Fundraiser for new Ipads for the school.– Move it for Saint Mary's**

Following on from last year's successful "Spin for St. Mary's", Friends of St. Mary's group are organising a sponsored "Move it for St. Mary's" fundraising event on Friday 19th April. This will start during the school day with the children taking part in various types of movement and dance with Sasha. Then from 3pm it's over to our volunteers in the afternoon to spin, walk, dance etc. This will conclude with a fun evening for all from 5.30—8pm with sweet treats, games, lucky dip, tuck shop, guess the number of sweets in the jar, face painting, tattoos, music, dance, and lots more with of course refreshments—hot dogs/ tea/coffee. We are looking for volunteers to fill time slots so if you are available please call our school office or whatsapp Aine on 07817571798. Sponsor cards have been sent home with all the families and more are available from the school office.

### **GAA**

Jonny Garrity from Fermanagh GAA continues with his coaching on Monday mornings.

Damon Little will be representing the school at the half Time match during the first round of the Ulster Championship in Brewster Park on Sunday 14th April.

The school have been invited to attend the Michael Deery Cup on Saturday 4th May in Augher. We will notify you with full details later when we receive them.

### **Music**

Music for P3-P7 continues with Paul Cassidy from Wednesday 10th April. Cost is £1 for Tin whistle and £4 for Tin Whistle and Bodhran.

Piano continues with Deborah Creighton on Tuesdays. £8.50 x 10 sessions = £85.00

### **Core NI**

Core NI will continue in school on Thursday mornings with Sasha.

**Cycling Proficiency**

P7's will begin their Cycling Proficiency program this term with Mrs Loretta Mulligan. Please bring in your child's bicycle and helmet by 6th May. Please make sure that these are both in good working condition. These can be kept in school until the Cycling Proficiency course is finished. More details will follow at a later date.

**Test Week**

In the week Monday 13th—Friday 17th May pupils will complete end of year assessments and checks. Homework will be suspended for this week to allow for the administration of these tests. Some testing will continue in the following week for Mrs McDonnell's room.

**ICT lessons with Eimear Mulrine** will return with a 5 week block of lessons to involve all Pupils from P1-P7 on Tuesday's 16th April/ 23rd April/ 30th April/ 7th May and 21st May. The same program will be delivered on Wednesday's in Brookeborough CPS. The cost of this project is covered by Shared Campus Funding.

**Staff Training.**

All staff will be attending Anti Bullying Training after school on Tuesday 23rd April.

**P1 acceptance letters** will be sent out on 25th April and an Induction afternoon for all the new P1 pupils will be arranged for Wednesday 5th June.

**P7 Induction Day**

Induction dates for Saint Kevins are Tuesday 21st May and Tuesday 25th June.  
Induction days for Saint Michael's is TBC.

**Sports Day** will be held on Thursday 13th June

**Reminder of School closures**

School will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May  
Friday 24th May is a School Development Day and Bank Holiday Monday 27th May  
School closes for the Summer Holidays on Friday 28th June at 12 Noon.

Sheila Mullin  
Principal.