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**School Community Newsletter
February 2019**

Sacraments

First Confession will take place on Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm in the church.

The Confirmation Ceremony will begin at 1.30pm on Thursday, March 28th. Infants will finish at 12.30pm as having the normal 1.40pm finish time would be dangerous given the arrival of the families for Confirmation.

1st-5th class will then finish at 2pm to allow for the safe collection of all pupils as Confirmation will be over around 2.30pm and it would be too dangerous to collect pupils with all the Confirmation traffic. We will contact the bus company.

Tea and coffee for the Confirmation Class will be at 2.30pm in the school hall. As most of the Parents Association have children in 6th class, we need volunteers. We particularly appeal to some parents in 5th class to help out as they will benefit the following year. Please leave your name with Catherine in the office if you can help.

Bake Sale

The next bake Sale will take place on Friday, March 15th. Goods can be dropped to the school from 8am that morning. All funds raised will go to the Outdoor Project.

Attendance

November: Boys 96.7% Girls 95.4%

December: Boys 95.3% Girls 95%

January: Boys 94.2% Girls 93.6%

Hockey

Thank you to Ms. Cuddy and Ms. O' Donovan who are starting hockey training again on February 28th. This will run on Thursdays after school on the astro-turf pitch until 4pm. It will conclude on May 23rd and is open to all girls in 5th and 6th.

Outdoor Project

Our school's exciting new sensory room was installed before Christmas. The room measures 6m x 4m and, when fully fitted out, will offer a state-of-the-art sensory experience for pupils with special needs.

At the moment the sensory room is an empty shell. We have encountered a slight delay with getting a mains electrical supply to it but we hope to have this rectified ASAP. Once the room has been wired it will be internally finished with tongue & groove timber cladding. Tony Grant of Tower Carpets (Lower Gerald Griffin Street, Limerick) has generously offered to donate vinyl flooring. Sensory equipment has already been ordered from a local company and will be installed as soon as the internal fit-out has been completed.

We are applying for planning permission for the play area this week. Please see the Newsletter Section for pictures of the play equipment and the map. Cathal Quinn Architects are completing the planning permission application on our behalf.

Swimming in Grove Island Pool

4th: February 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th (Wednesdays) Children will depart the school at 10.30am and return at 12.30pm. Total cost for bus and lessons is €40.

5th: February 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and April 4th (Thursdays) Children will depart the school at 10.30am and return at 12.30pm. Total cost for bus and lessons is €40.

Please send money in before the start date. Thank you to Catherine for organising the lessons.

Parent/ Guardian Communication

Parent/ Guardian 'WhatsApp' groups have become increasingly popular in recent years. Similarly many parents/ guardians are on social media sites and communicate with each other regarding their children - this can be great for birthday invitations, play dates etc. We remind parents/ guardians that if they have a complaint/ issue they should call the office to make an appointment and follow the Parental Complaints Policy on our website. We also remind parents/ guardians that information/ photos about children should not be shared on any social media. Thankfully we don't have any issues at the moment and we want to keep it this way.

Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane

Mairéad Guckian