



St. John the Baptist PS

Bunscoil Eoin Baiste
Newsletter / Nuachtlitir

February / Feabhra 2012

Farewell Miss McGuinness

Miss McGuinness left St. John the Baptist PS on Tuesday 31st January to take up the post of Principal of Ballylifford PS on 1st February 2012.

We wish Anne every success in her new post and thank her for her twenty years dedicated service to St. John the Baptist PS.

We welcome Miss Hannah McGibbon to the school. Miss McGibbon will teach Anne's Primary 3 class for the remainder of the school year.

We also welcome Mr Sean Hughes to the school. Mr Hughes will be covering Mrs Beatty's maternity leave.

Confirmation & Communion

The Primary 7 children will be confirmed by Cardinal Sean Brady on **Sunday 4th March at 3.00pm** in St. John the Baptist Church.

The Rang 6 & 7 children will be confirmed by Bishop Gerard Clifford on **Saturday 31st March at 3pm** in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

Prior to Confirmation, there will be a **Ceremony of Light** for all children to be confirmed on **Sunday 26th Feb. at 7.00pm** in St. John the Baptist Church.

Confirmation cards and gifts are available from the Drumcree Pastoral Centre Book Shop.

Our Primary 4 and Rang 4 children will make their First Communion on **Saturday 12th May at 11.00am** in St. John the Baptist Church.

First Confession - A date to be confirmed in March (usually a Tuesday evening @ 6.00pm before the 7.00pm evening Mass)

First Communion cards and gifts are also available from the Drumcree Pastoral Centre Book Shop

February Holidays

Thursday 16th February & Friday 17th February (Mid term break)

The staff training days originally planned for **Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th February** are at this point postponed owing to industrial action. The school will now be open as normal on these days.

Governors' Report

Every family should have received a copy of the Governors' report for the 2010 - 2011 school year. If you did not receive your copy please contact the school office.

P7 Transfer Report Form

Parents with children in Primary 7 will soon receive a Transfer Report Form on which they have to indicate the school/s they would like their child to transfer to in September.

Unlike previous years, this year there is no provision for parents to meet with the Primary 7 teachers or the Principal for advice on completing the Transfer Report form. However, should you need advice on completing this form Mr Gribbon will be available to meet with parents on **Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February**. Please ring the office to arrange an appointment.

Completed Transfer Report forms must be returned to the school by **Tuesday 14th February** at the very latest.

Attendance and Punctuality

To continue our focus on good attendance **February will be a "Good Attendance" month**. Please do your best to ensure your child / children has 100% attendance during February.

SADS Appeal



Our House Captains and Amy & Katie Cullen present a cheque for £700 to Mrs Catherine Lyness for the Stephen Lyness Memorial Fund. Catherine has so far raised over £65,000 for research into Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome which is a tremendous achievement.

**PTA Meeting - Wednesday 8th
February @ 7.30pm. Everyone
Welcome!**

PTA Fashion Show

As you know our PTA Fashion Show will be held in the Drumcree Pastoral Centre on **Friday 17th February at 7.30pm**. It promises to be a great night! In order to make this a well-attended and worthwhile venture we would like each family, if possible, to purchase at least one ticket for the show. You will soon be receiving two tickets for the Fashion Show and we would love to see you there on the night, but if that is not possible we would be equally grateful if you could purchase at least one ticket.

This is our first ever Fashion Show. We need your help and support to make it a success, not only for the PTA, but also for all the children who have volunteered to model. I bet they'll look great on the catwalk.

Why not come along and see for yourselves!

Congratulations

Congratulations to all our Primary 4 children who recently graduated from PALS after attending for four years!

There are now more places available for younger children to attend PALS during the weekend masses. Encourage your child to attend PALS or if you require any further information please see our classroom assistants, Ursula Barlow or Oonagh Kingham.

