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Term 2 Newsletter and Updates

Healthy Kidz and PE Lessons:

A massive thank you to everyone who returned their sponsor sheets in Term 1 for the Healthy Kidz 'Big Workout Day'. The Healthy Kidz PE Initiative is an invaluable fun programme which allows for implementation of the full primary PE curriculum, delivered by trained specialised coaches.

Well done to all the boys and girls who received the prizes for their fantastic fundraising efforts and especially to Hannah Garity who received a brand new Bicycle for the 'Best fundraiser Award'. The sponsor cards raised an amazing £2715.98 which was used towards part payment of the Healthy Kidz Programme.

PE Gear

Reminders to parents: Children who do not have the appropriate gear /footwear for PE will not be allowed to participate in PE lessons in line with school Health and Safety guidelines.

Reception, P1 and P2 children should come to school dressed for PE, with full school uniform in their bags. All other classes should come to school in full school uniform and will change into their PE gear in school.

Class	Teacher	Healthy Kidz	PE with Dylan McKenna	GAA County Coaching
Reception /Primary 1	Mrs Donaghy	Wednesday AM	Tuesday AM	
Primary 1/Primary 2	Mrs Loughlin	Wednesday AM	Tuesday AM	
Primary 3	Mrs O Malley	Wednesday AM	Tuesday AM	
Primary 4	Mrs McEvoy	Wednesday PM		Hurling/Camogie (postponed due to unavailability of coach)
Primary 5	Mrs Quinn/Miss McBride	Friday PM		Monday PM Keady Dwyers
Primary 6	Mrs Campbell	Friday PM		Monday AM Hurling/Camogie
Primary 7	Mrs Smith	Wednesday PM		Monday Gaelic Football

PTA - Friends of St Francis' PS:

A massive thank you to all parents involved in helping to organise the Cake Sale before Christmas and to those parents who supplied the tray bakes and goodies on the day. A total of £272.49 was raised through the Cake Sale which was used to help buy some resources for the outdoor play area.

The 'Friends of St Francis' would like to express our gratitude to the local businesses in the town who sponsored such great prizes in our Christmas Raffle. A grand total of £531 was raised at our raffle in the TMAC Centre and this money will be added to the 'Friends' account and used for updating and the repair of our ICT equipment and interactive boards in the classrooms.

The next meeting of our PTA 'Friends of St Francis' will take place on Wednesday 8th May at 8pm. All new members are encouraged to come along.

EA Music Tuition: Ukulele / Guitar and Violin:

Letters requesting final instalments for tuition fees have been issued. Please refer to individual letters for course fees and make outstanding payments to the school office asap as these fees are now overdue.

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Programme:

As you are already aware the NSPCC delivered Key Stage Assemblies and KS2 workshops to all the pupils of St Francis' of Assisi PS this term. By way of a thank you and in an effort to contribute to the invaluable work carried out by the NSPCC a cheque for £286.62, the proceeds from our 'Odd Shoe Day', was subsequently presented to the NSPCC.

Sacraments:

Congratulations to the children in Primary 7 who made their Confirmation last Sunday and a massive well done to the boys and girls in Primary 4 who made their 'First Confession' on Thursday night past. Much hard work and preparation went into preparing the children for this special occasion and you certainly made the school and your families very proud.

'First Holy Communion' will take place in St Patrick's Church, Keady on Saturday 19th May at 11.30am. Primary 4 children and their families are invited back to the school for light refreshments following the First Communion Mass. A photographer will be available at the school for any family wishing to avail of this service. This will be an independent photographer and while the school will facilitate this service all monies must be paid directly to the photographer. More details will follow.

It is hoped that volunteers from our P3 parents will organise the tea / coffee and catering for this event which will take place in the school immediately after the First Communion mass. Parents willing to help are asked to please fill in and return the attached reply slip to the school office on or before Wednesday 8th May. A member of the PTA will then contact you with further details.

School Choir:

The number of children from P3-7 who have offered to help with the choir has been very encouraging and we would like to thank our parents for this great show of support. Choir practice, under the guidance of Mrs Sarah Jane Kelly, began this week in preparation for our End of Year celebrations.

Mrs Kelly and Mrs McEvoy will also be forming an instrumental group and letters will be sent home to individual children asking parental permission for them to also attend the First Communion mass.

Governors:

Following the reconstitution of our school governors we very much welcome our new members, Mrs Kellyann Comiskey to the Board as the Parent Representative and Mrs Maria O Malley as the Teacher Representative. Mr Seamus Murray remains as Chairperson of the Board. A summary of the Board's membership will be available to view under the Parent Tab on the school website.

Pupil Voice:

The Eco Council and Primary 6 have just completed a series of fun workshops with the local Men's Shed, all our classes participated in the 'Big Spring Clean' litter pick in the local community, Primary 5 are currently organising their Easter Egg Raffle for Trócaire and the School Council will run a Healthy Tuck Shop from the 29th April-3rd May, with lots yummy healthy snacks for all. Remember to check out the website for photographs and reports.

School Holidays Term 3:

Easter Break	Closing 11am Thursday 18 th April. No Breakfast Club available.	Reopens Monday 29 th April at 9am Breakfast Club opens at 8am.
May Bank Holiday	School closed Monday 6 th May	Reopens Tuesday 7 th May at 9am Breakfast Club opens at 8am.
May Bank Holiday	School closed Friday 24 th , Monday 27 th and Tuesday 28 th May	Reopens Wednesday 29 th May at 9am Breakfast Club opens at 8am.
Summer Break	School closing 11am Friday 28 th June. No Breakfast Club available.	School reopens Monday 2 nd September for new school year.

A Programme of Events for Term 3, including dates and details for school trips, end of year mass and presentation dates will be posted as soon as all dates have been confirmed. In the meantime, please refer to the calendar on the school website for any updates.

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Mrs F Hughes
Principal

Reply Slip for All Parents
PTA – ‘Friends of St Francis’

I would be interested in helping the ‘Friends of St Francis’ and I am available to attend the next meeting on Wednesday 8th May at 8pm to discuss organising a Summer Fun Day.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Mobile Contact Number: _____

Mobile numbers will be passed on to the secretary of the PTA who will add you to the ‘Friends’ contact list.

Reply Slip for P3 Parents ONLY

Catering at First Communion Party - to be returned before Friday 5th May please.

Delete as appropriate:

I will / will not be available to help with the catering for First Holy Communion in the school on Sunday 19th May.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Mobile Contact Number: _____

Mobile numbers will be passed on to the secretary of the PTA who will contact you in due course.