

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017 UPDATE



CONFIRMATION

School will close @ **12.30 p.m. on Wednesday 15 March 2017** for pupils on both sites.

There will be school lunches and transport on this day.

Pupils in the choir should be seated in the church by 3.30 p.m.

Parental support with preparations in the Parish Hall would be very welcome (Tuesday 14 March @ 7.30 p.m. and with serving tea from 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 15 March). If you are available to assist then please contact Mrs McConway. Our best wishes and prayers for the Y7 pupils and their families on this special day.



St. PATRICK'S DAY

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig

Celebrations to mark St. Patrick's Day will take place in the school on Thursday 16 March 2017.

We will have a **Green Day** to celebrate the national holiday. This is a non-uniform day and children can dress in green, with a £1 donation to Trócaire. Y6 will perform a St. Patrick's Day assembly, followed by our Irish dancers.

Cargan pupils should go to the Parish Centre for 9 a.m. (please note there will be no Pupil of the Month assembly on the last Thursday of this month).

School will be closed on **Friday 17 March 2017**.



CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Our annual collection for charities takes place during the Lenten season. The school's principal charity is Trócaire but we also make donations to other (local and national) charities during the year. Y1 have already started collecting copper coins on both sites (Wednesdays & Fridays) and there are Trócaire boxes in each of the classrooms. Each class has planned a fundraiser. March whole school fundraisers:

Thursday 16 March (Y4 organising)	Bun Sale (25p a bun) as part of Green Day	Both sites
Friday 24 March (Y7 organising)	Toast Day (20 p per slice)	Martinstown only
Friday 31 March (Y5 organising)	Smoothie Day (50p per glass)	Martinstown only



MATHS TRAIL



To celebrate World Maths Day and to promote maths in the pupils' curriculum the PTA has organised a Maths Trail for **Sunday 19 March 2017**. This is a family event and you will be searching for maths clues as you drive around the Glenravel area. Registration takes place between 1 and 2 p.m. in the Y7 mobile in Martinstown and all cars will be back by 4 p.m. (the trail should take about an hour). Winners will be announced at 4 p.m. and prizes include a Team Kit voucher and a family pass for the cinema. Fundraising by the PTA this year will be used to develop outdoor play in the Foundation Stage and the purchase of ICT equipment.

PLAY in the FOUNDATION STAGE

A note from Mrs Hynds:

I would love to create a drama box for the "Little Ones" up in Cargan. I'm quite fussy in what I'm looking for but I know you'll come to my rescue. Below is a specific list of items which I would love to acquire. Perhaps you may have some of these knocking about your home as you have grown out of them. If you do could you please ask your parents if you could bring these into school and I will collect them.

Sun glasses, sun hats, baseball hats, feather boas, flower garlands and microphones (no stand).

Mrs Hynds (Foundation Stage Co-ordinator)

A great deal of work has gone into developing outdoor play in the Foundation Stage. Our school website has photographs showing the work that is taking place in the playground. In order to continue to promote this work we need the assistance of parents and the Cargan community to help ensure that young people do enter the school grounds in the evening and at the weekends. Cargan school is now an infant school and play is central to the children's learning, including outdoor play. Your support is very much appreciated.

MICROSOFT OFFICE

Instructions for downloading a free student copy of Microsoft Office has been uploaded to the school website. Mrs Gormley (ICT Co-ordinator) can assist you with the pupils' usernames and password.

