

# Roan St Patrick's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## **Post-Primary Transfer**

The Post-Primary Transfer Portal for Primary 7 parents to apply for post-primary school places will open this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 12 noon, closing on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. I will share information to support this process on the school website this week. If you require any support with this, please contact me at the school at any time.

## **Transfer Test 2023**

We will hold an information meeting in the school on Wednesday 1st March at 6pm for Primary 6 parents who may be considering the Transfer Test for their child (this is required for entry to St Joseph's Covent Donaghmore and St Patrick's Academy Dungannon). In the meantime, parents can avail of some revision work which is available on the school website – Parent Area / Home Learning tab (password: Roan2020) / Primary 7 folder / Extra Revision Booklets link. Answers are provided with the booklets – this work is optional and can be completed and marked at home under parental guidance.

## St Brigid's Day

All children will attend mass this Wednesday at 10.00am to celebrate St Brigid's Day. Mass will be available on the Parish webcam and parents are welcome to attend.

#### **Sporting Events / Trips**

There are a number of sporting events / trips coming up which will require your permission (cross-country / indoor GAA competitions / P2 Parkanaur Trip / Cumann na mBunscol Quiz). I will send out a google form link in advance of these trips which will give further information.

# **Swimming**

Primary 5 children will have their final swimming session next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Swimming for the Primary 4 children will begin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

# Raising Awareness - Autism / Mental Health / Internet Safety

Next week is Autism NI Superhero Week and Children's Mental Health Week. Children will complete a range of activities focused on these areas. Next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February is Internet Safety Day - please speak to your child about using the internet responsibly and remind them of the dangers online.

# Midterm Closure / INTO Strike Action

The date of our midterm break has changed to facilitate the teacher strike on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. <u>The school will be closed from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. We will reopen at 12noon on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February as normal – free school meals only available on this day – all other children will require a packed lunch.</u>

# <u>Primary 6 & 7 Parents – GAA / Sporting Competitions</u>

Learning Together, Growing Together

Several sporting events will take place over the coming months, and we will enter as many of these as we possibly can. Unfortunately, a number of these competitive events have strict rules around team numbers, so we will have to make the difficult decision of selecting children from our panel of P6/7's to represent the school. We enter as many events as we can to allow us give as many children as possible the opportunity to represent the school. Thankfully, all Primary 4-7 children have already competed for the school in term 1 and there will be further opportunities for all P6&7 children as the year progresses.

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