



St. Colman's Primary School  
and  
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*Progress Through Partnership, Leading To Excellence*



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**Vision statement:** To be an inclusive, caring School where childhood and community are valued; one which inspires learning for life and develops the personal qualities needed to succeed in a rapidly changing world. This vision will be best realised as we undergo a continual journey of *progress through partnership, leading to excellence.*

# October Update



## Breakfast Club

Continues to be a huge hit with our children and is the perfect start to the school day.

Single child: £1.00

Two or more children from the same family: £2.00

ASC - Fee £2.00/day for each child.  
(NURSERY – P3 1.45pm – 2.35pm)

EASC (NURSERY – P7 2.35pm-  
6pm) - Fee £10 per session (2.35pm  
up to 6pm)/6 per ½ session (2.35pm  
up to 4pm.)

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of September Irwyn McKibbin (**HEARTBEAT NI**) and Lisa McGurnaghan both visited the school to present us with a **life-saving defibrillator**. A defibrillator is a vital piece of apparatus that is used to control heart fibrillation by application of an electric current to the chest wall or heart. Lisa has campaigned hard in the Banbridge area to ensure that every school setting has one. Irwyn is chairperson of the Children's Heart Foundation and we thank them for coming together to make our school a safer place.

We had a special assembly with our P4 children who were trained last year by Mrs Burns in *Heart Start*. We will also mark Restart A Heart Day this year on October 16<sup>th</sup>.



## IQM Flagship Award for Inclusion 2018 - 2021



This month we picked up a prestigious award and plaque from IQM <https://iqmaward.com/> The award recognises St. Colman's Primary School and All Saints' Nursery Unit as a **Flagship School for Inclusion**. IQM agree with our summary of ourselves as an '*educationally inclusive school, where the teaching and learning; achievements, attitudes and well-being of every young person matter.*'

We brought the trophy around the school and the nursery unit so that everyone had the opportunity to share and celebrate in their own success. It now resides proudly, for all to see, by the main school entrance.

## P7 Literacy and Numeracy Booster

Afterschool classes will now continue as per dates on the website calendar/app.

## Parental Curriculum Engagement Meetings

Our Curriculum meetings have been well attended and worthwhile for both parents and teachers' as we work together in partnership. They will continue in the first part of this month.

P3 - Mrs McMahon Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October (1.45-2.35)

P2 - Mrs McCann Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (1.45-2.35)

P6 - Miss McKay/Mrs Loy Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October (re-scheduled) (1.45-2.35)

1-2-1 Parent teacher meetings will now take place early in Term2.

## Parent Questionnaire - October 2018 (OPEN ON WEBSITE)

The survey will be invaluable to us in gauging parental opinion, both to know what we are doing well and where there is room for improvement. We take all feedback very seriously and we are always open-minded about ways in which we can improve.

The questionnaire is on the homepage of the school website and under the tab **PARENTAL VIEW**. <http://www.stcolmansandallsaints.co.uk/>

The questionnaire is open throughout the month of October and I will publish the results and analysis in the December Update.



## House Captains

Congratulations Emmett (Red/Ulster), Orlagh (Blue/Leinster), Cormac (Yellow/Ulster) and Maya (Green/Connaught) on being appointed the captains of each our 4 provincial houses.



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## School Council

Congratulations to all those that took part in our school elections this year. Our elected council is as follows;

P3 - Shay, Enya, Arthur and Emma

P4 - Cathal, Patrick, Courtney and Aine

P5 - Megan, Niall, Orla and Ruairi

P6 - Lauren, Ciara, Kevin and Rose

P7 - Charlene, James, Aonghus, Lauren, Padriag, Shauna and Malachi

## Opening School Year Mass

Our mass will be celebrated by Canon Kearney on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 1000**. All are welcome.

## Swimming

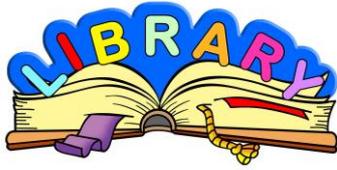
Swimming begins for P7 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## McGreevy/Farrell Tournament

Congratulations to our school team on lifting this years trophy after a thrilling final against St. Michael's P.S., Finnis. Congratulations also to Jack McAvoy on being named as player of the tournament.



Thank you to Joe Farrell, Kay McGreevy, Annaclone GAC and to all those who made the 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of this tournament run smoothly.



### Library Van - (P2 to P4)

The van will be visiting the school on both the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month.



Please contact Mrs Dale in the office to see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

Did you know that each child on the register for FSM can add almost **£700** to the schools' annual budget from DE. So even if you don't avail of it every day, you can still make a significant difference to your school and the quality of learning on offer just by filling out a form and testing for eligibility.



### Halloween Dress Up

Children will have the opportunity this year to dress up in costume and character on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Performances - early heads up!

KS2 Carol Service Tuesday 11 December at 1900 (chapel)

NU Nativity Play Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1000 (in school)

FS/KS1 Nativity Performance Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1900 (chapel)

### Safeguarding

Please reinforce the **STRANGER DANGER** message with your children and remind them to be careful as they walk on the footpath/roads as we move into the longer evenings.

### Drop Offs/Pick Ups

As a courtesy to ALL patrons can we remind everyone of the parking rules that are in place to ensure the safety of our children.

- **No parking at school gates or double parking on road to drop children.**
- **All cars to be parked on school side.**
- **No parking on the pavement.**

## Our School Values

Each month this year we will be taking one of our school values and using it as a focus for our Pastoral Assemblies each morning. In September we looked at *resilience* and in the month of October it is *honesty*. Below is the values calendar for the year ahead.

## Values Calendar for 2018-19

September	Resilience
October	Honesty
November	Respect
December	Happiness
January	Collaboration
February	Kindness/Thoughtfulness
March	Tolerance
April	Perseverance
May	Responsibility
June	Appreciation

A parents' school value guide is published on the website each month so you can further consolidate this work at home with your child.

<http://www.stcolmansandallsaints.co.uk/parents-area/newsletters/>



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## School Topics 2018/2019

	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3
<b>Primary 1</b>	Nursery Rhymes & All About Me	The Post Office	Toys	Spring	Under The Sea
<b>Primary 2</b>	Discovering Me	Space	Clothes	Birds	Where I Live
<b>Primary 3</b>	All Around Us	Winter	Animals	Bread	Pirates
<b>Primary 4</b>	Rescue At Sea	Weather	Castles	Recycling	Minibeasts
<b>Primary 5</b>	Our School	Electricity	Food	Birds	Egyptians
<b>Primary 6</b>	Ireland	Colour/Light and Christmas Around The World	Extreme Weather	Plants/Trees	Eco Warriors
<b>Primary 7</b>	Water	Titanic	Rainforests	Bridges	Confirmation and Transition

### Shared Education

P2/P3 & P5 will renew their Shared Education partnerships with Fairhill PS over the next few weeks. This is the final year of funding for the programme.



### St. Colman's Primary School and All Saints' School App

Available for download from both iTunes and Google play. Schools NI gives you the latest News, Galleries and Events from our school and nursery. If you haven't already, **please make sure you download to your device today** and allow for school notifications.

**NB** The school will from October 01 2018 only use the text service in the cases of exceptional closures due to the onset of bad weather etc



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# October 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1. P7 Booster 1435 - 1630 <b>P1 children can start EASC/ASC &amp; BC.</b>	2. P3 Parents Curriculum Meeting 1345 - 1435 <b>*P3 FULL DAY*</b>	3. P2 Parents Curriculum Meeting 1345 - 1435 <b>*P3 FULL DAY*</b>	4. P6 SWIMMING <b>P5 ASSEMBLY</b> <b>*P3 FULL DAY*</b>	5.
8. P7 Booster 1435 - 1630 LIBRARY VAN	9.	10. P6 Parents Curriculum Meeting 1345 - 1435	11. <b>P4 ASSEMBLY</b> Sr. Mercedes RE Inspection	12.
15. P7 Booster 1435 - 1630	16. Restart A Heart Day	17.	18. P7 SWIMMING	19. OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MASS - 1000
22. P7 Booster 1435 - 1630 LIBRARY VAN	23.	24. <b>IXL ASSEMBLY</b>	25. <b>P2 ASSEMBLY</b> P7 SWIMMING	26.
29. P7 Booster 1435 - 1630	30. <b>HALLOWEEN DRESS UP</b>	31. <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	1. <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	2. <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
5. P7 Booster 1435 - 1630	6.	7.	8. P7 SWIMMING	9.



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