

# Lissan PS Newsletter

February 2023



**Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of February 2023**

*Dear Parents,*

*It is lovely to see the first signs of Spring and we look forward to lots of changes to our school site over the remainder of this term. The first modular classroom is almost complete, and the P4/5 children will be settled in their new learning environment this month. The building work has progressed with speed, and we are assured that the P2/3 will be settled in their new room by Easter.*

*This term is always very busy so please keep an eye on Class Dojo and our school website for updated information. Our school Facebook page is a wonderful space for you to see the amazing activities the children are doing in school also.*

*If you require any additional information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.*

*Kindest regards,*

*Mrs McIntyre*

*(Principal)*



## **P7 Pupils for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2023**

Monsignor Curry has invited the 2023 Confirmand to attend St. Michael's Church on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April for a "Service of Light" at 7pm. The Ceremony of Light is a pre-Confirmation ceremony and is an important event in preparing our children for Confirmation.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 5 pm in St Michael's Church.**



## **P4 Pupils for the Sacrament of Holy Communion 2023**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – 21<sup>st</sup> March @7pm**

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2023**

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 20th May 2023** in St Michael's Church at 11am



# School Holidays

## **Mid-Term Break**

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023 (5 days)

## **Bank Holiday**

Friday 17th March 2023 (1 day)

## **Easter Holidays**

School closes at 12 noon on Thursday 6th April 2023

Friday 7th April – Friday 14th April 2023 (6 days)

## **May Bank Holidays**

Monday 1st, Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th May 2023 (3 days)

## **Summer Holidays**

School closes at 12 noon on Friday 30th June 2023

## **Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**

All pupils will attend Mass on Ash Wednesday at 9.30am.

All children will receive their ashes in school on Wednesday.



# Safer Internet Day 2023



For Safer Internet Day 2023, the UK Safer Internet Centre is organising celebrations and learning based around the theme **‘Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online’**. We are celebrating by putting children and young people’s voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support that they receive.

In school the children will be involved in a wide range of activities helping them to understand how to keep themselves safe online, and how to make the most effective use of the internet.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February Neil, our PSNI Community Support Officer, will visit the school to present information to the P5,6 and 7 pupils.

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo, the school website and Facebook to see all the wonderful things your children are doing. Parents can also follow this link for more information <https://www.saferinternetday.org/resources>





# Be smart on the internet

Childnet  
International  
[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

S

**SAFE**

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M

**MEETING**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A

**ACCEPTING**

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R

**RELIABLE**

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

T

**TELL**

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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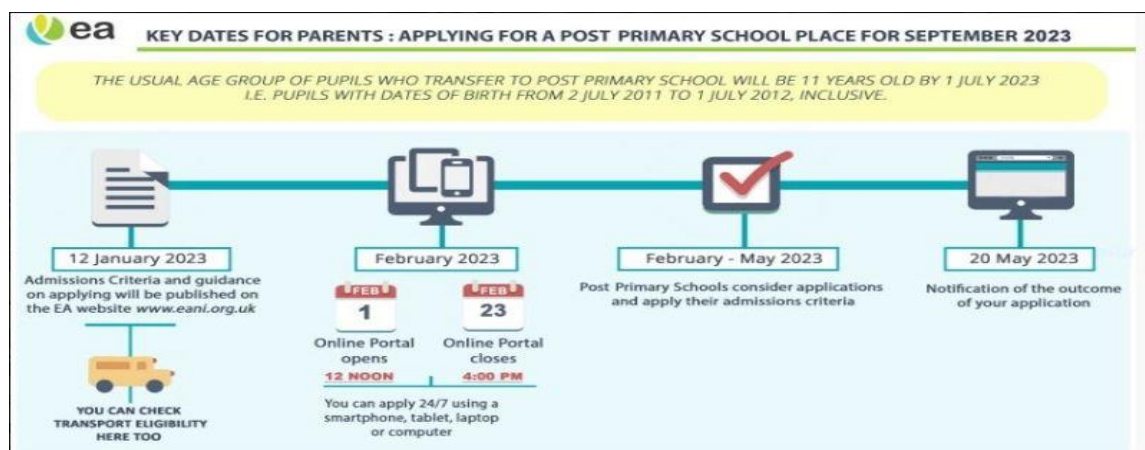
[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

KidSMART

Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.



## Primary 7 Information



Online applications will open at 12 noon on **Wednesday 1 February 2023** and will close at 4pm on **Thursday 23 February 2023**.

Places are NOT allocated on a first come, first served basis. Post Primary Schools WILL NOT consider applications until after the closing date.

It is important that you:

- Find schools in your area
- Read the Admissions Criteria
- Check what supporting documentation is required to be uploaded with your application
- List at least four preferences on your application
- Check whether transport assistance will be available for your child. Transport Eligibility Checker

**If you require any further information, please contact Mrs McIntyre.**

## **Advice for P6 Parents**

### **ADVICE ON THE POST-PRIMARY TRANSFER PROCESS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN P6**

As has been the practice over the last number of years the Department of Education has produced a document providing advice to parents of children in P6 on the post-primary transfer process. The purpose of this document is to ensure that parents receive timely information about the range of issues they need to take into account when making important decisions about the next stage in their child's education.

Previously a hard copy would have been provided for parents in January of their child's P6 year however this year the document will be available in electronic form only.

The document is available to download from the Department's website at the following link:

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/transfer-process-post-primary-school-advice-parents-children-primary-six>

If you require any additional information please contact the School.

**Rev. Father McGinley's 1st Anniversary Mass**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**St. Michael's Church @ 7.30pm**

