



### CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF EDUCATION AT ST EUGENE'S PS.

A copy of this newsletter can be downloaded from our website [www.steugenesps.com](http://www.steugenesps.com) at any time. We encourage our parents, grandparents and extended families to 'like' and 'follow' our Facebook and Twitter accounts to be kept up to date with all our exciting news at St Eugene's PS.

Key Dates	Arrangements:
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Day (Pupils & Staff only).
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Fan the Flame Mass for P7 via webcam at 11am.
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June</b>	<b>Education Minister to visit St Eugene's PS!</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Outdoor Fun Day.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> of June	P7 Leaver Assembly at 11am.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term – School closes at 12pm.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> of July	Summer Sessions at St Eugene's PS (open to all year groups).

### SPORTS DAY

We plan to hold our annual Sports Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of June (weather permitting). This year our sports will be for staff and pupils only, due to the pandemic. We are inviting the children to take their teddy to school for the day to 'stand in' for the spectators that we would usually welcome. The children will enjoy all the usual races, activities and even a barbeque. We are all very much looking forward to the event.

Here are a few important details:

- **Fancy Dress Competition** – Children are invited to arrive in school in Fancy Dress wearing their sports gear underneath. The competition will take place at 9.30am and the races will follow shortly afterwards.
- **Clothing** – Children should be appropriately dressed for the races, ideally in t-shirt and shorts with a hoody. Appropriate footwear should be worn. Given we will be outdoors all day, it is a good idea to apply sun cream before school.
- **Races** – The boys and girls will remain in their protective bubbles for the races. The other bubbles will spectate at a safe distance.
- **Food & Drink** – Children should bring one mid-morning snack as normal. School meals will also be served as normal and will be a panini and chips on the day. Mrs Preston will be providing the annual barbeque and children will all get a burger paid for by school funds. If you are sending a packed lunch you may wish to reduce the content due to the barbeque. The ice-cream van will

visit and the children will also receive an ice-cream paid for by school funds. **All children will need a bottle of water clearly marked with their name.**

- **Prize Giving** – We plan to hold our prize giving in the afternoon time. **We ask that Reception children remain in school until 2.15pm to benefit from the experience of the whole day.**
- **Fundraising** – You may be aware that in the years gone by our Sports Day has always been one of our main fundraisers. This year due to the pandemic we have had to scale back, however, we are running a prize draw for a fabulous Medicare Hamper. Tickets are £1 each and the draw will take place on Facebook Live at 2.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **SPLIT THE POT FUNDRAISER**

We are holding an end of term ‘SPLIT THE POT’ fundraiser. To enter you should send £10 in a clearly marked envelope to school before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of June. On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of June one envelope will be drawn and the winner will win half of the amount in the pot. The other half will go directly into school funds to help with resources for our boys and girls. We have kept fundraising to an absolute minimum this year as we know many in our school community are experiencing difficult times. Whilst we would love as many people as possible to support this draw we ask that you do not put yourself into financial hardship by doing so.

### **EDUCATION MINISTER TO VISIT ST EUGENE’S PS!!!**

Our new Education Minister, Michelle McIlveen will visit St Eugene’s PS on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at 10.30am. We are feeling incredibly privileged to be welcoming the Education Minister as she commences her new role and we can’t wait to show her everything that is great about our award winning rural school. We are also delighted to be welcoming the newly elected Mayor Graham Warke and some of our local Councillors. The Rural Housing Association will also attend as they will be providing a workshop for our P3/4/5 children during the visit. This is an amazing opportunity to put St Eugene’s PS on the map and communicate our vision for the future of the school to our Education Minister.

### **P7 LEAVERS OUTDOOR FUN DAY**

We are holding a special FUN DAY for our P7 leavers on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of June, this will be a day to spoil our P7 boys and girls and end the year on a high as they finish their primary school journey. This event will be followed by a leaver’s assembly on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of June. *I had previously communicated that two adults per child are invited to attend for the event, however, due to updated guidance from DE I have extended this to four adults per child, on the understanding that we are able to hold the event outdoors. If there is poor weather, we will only be able to facilitate two adults per child inside our assembly hall.* Please remember that whether the event is indoors or outdoors, strict social distancing will be in place and all adults must wear a face covering unless medically exempt. P7 children will officially finish at the end of the leaver’s assembly but are still welcome to attend informally on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and the half day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **P7 POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Our P7 children have been informed of their new Post-Primary Schools. We hope that our boys and girls are happy with the news they have received! We are so incredibly proud of our P7 class and know that they will do well in whatever school they attend.

## **THE SACRAMENTS**

Well done to our P7 children who received the gift of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of June in St Theresa's Church, Sion Mills. Thank you to Fr Canning and also to Mr Gormley for all their hard work in preparing the children for their special day.

First Communion will take place at the end of September and we hope to be able to confirm the date before the summer holidays.

## **SUSTRANS**

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June, Richard Farrow from Sustrans visited our school to carry out a range of activities with our boys and girls. Thank you to Richard and the adults who attended the 'Ditch the Stabilisers' workshops. The children also enjoyed cycling proficiency workshops, playground orienteering and even a playground scavenger hunt! Mr Gormley has been working hard to secure our Sustrans Award and we hope to achieved this by the end of the term.

## **SHARED EDUCATION**

Our classes are all involved in Shared Education again this year. Our theme due to the pandemic is 'Share the Walk'. Each class will continue to be involved in a number of walks and outdoor experiences that will be photographed and shared with our partner schools. We look forward to seeing the walks from St Patrick's PS and also The Model PS, Newtownstewart! We invite our families to join us on our journeys by sharing photos via Seesaw of walks you may do outside of school with your children.

## **END OF YEAR REPORTS**

End of year reports will be distributed to families on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of June. The format will be slightly different this year to reflect DE guidance as a result of the pandemic. Please note that if your child has an individual education plan, you will also receive an evaluated copy of the last plan along with your child's report.

## **SUMMER SESSIONS AT ST EUGENE'S PS**

We are delighted to be able to offer our children a range of summer sessions at St Eugene's PS this summer. The sessions will take place from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of July and will run from 9.30 to 12.30. These sessions will involve a range of indoor and outdoor activities with a focus on fun and friendships. Miss Gormley will co-ordinate the week and the sessions will be led by Miss Eibhlin McAnaw and Miss Michaela McHugh, the assistant leaders will be Miss Hannah Connolly and Miss Sophie O'Kane. A text will be issued in due course inviting you to register your child for our summer sessions.

## HOLIDAY LIST 2021/2022

24 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021	STAFF RETURN TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021	SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021	P2-P7 RETURN TO SCHOOL SETTLING-IN DAY UNTIL 12PM
WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021	P1 START SCHOOL P2-P7 NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS
WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS <i>(SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)</i>
THURSDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> October – TUESDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021 (inclusive)	MID-TERM BREAK
WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2021	SCHOOL REOPENS TO PUPILS AFTER MID-TERM BREAK
TUESDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021	END OF TERM ONE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS @ 12PM
TUESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY <i>(SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)</i>
WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022	SCHOOL REOPENS TO PUPILS AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK
MONDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY <i>(SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)</i>
TUESDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 (inclusive)	MID-TERM BREAK
MONDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2022	SCHOOL REOPENS TO PUPILS AFTER MID-TERM BREAK
THURSDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> & FRIDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022	SCHOOL CLOSED ST PATRICK'S HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022	END OF TERM TWO EASTER HOLIDAYS @ 12PM
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY <i>(SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)</i>
MONDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022	SCHOOL REOPENS TO PUPILS AFTER EASTER BREAK
MONDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> MAY 2022	SCHOOL CLOSED MAY BANK HOLIDAY
THURSDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> & FRIDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	SCHOOL CLOSED QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
MONDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY <i>(SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)</i>
THURSDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022	END OF TERM THREE SUMMER BREAK @ 12PM