



## EDUCATION RESOURCES

Executive Director Jim Gilhooly

St.Hilary's Primary and Nursery Class - Head Teacher Mrs. P. Stewart

### February 2014

Dear Parent,

Following my recent accident I have commenced my phased return to work.

I would like to thank you for supporting Mrs Smith and Mr Blair in their management roles within the school this period and also wish to express my own gratitude for their hard work and commitment as well as that of all the staff who have had to deal with the uncertainty of supply cover.

#### Holidays

Next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February are school holidays followed by an in-service on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February when the school will be closed to pupils.

#### Events for your information

I am enclosing a diary of events between now and the Easter break.

#### Church and Community

Fr Ness attended the Sacramental information meeting last Monday and extended a warm invitation to parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation in St Brides Parish this March to attend the 9.30 children's Liturgy known as the Big Hug!

Fr Chromy celebrated Mass in St Hilary's feast day this January 13<sup>th</sup> and I wish to remind all parents and friends that when Mass is celebrated in the school you are more than welcome to attend.

Father Tata attended our assembly this week to speak to the experiences in Rome, Cambodia and Motherwell Diocese. The children enjoyed his visit and accompanied by Mr Blair on guitar they entertained and impressed him with their wonderful singing.

Both parishes will be hosting Education Sunday during February and wish to extend an invitation for families to participate in the liturgy. If you would be willing to either read a bidding prayer or join the offertory please let me know via the comments box. Thank you.

#### Lenten Appeal-

We plan a curricular week around the topic of water this year to include Health and Wellbeing, ECO Schools and Rights Respecting School. As Citizens we wish to focus on Global water awareness. Our Lenten appeal will focus on an aspect of Water Aid whilst the children are engaged in this whole school venture we will as usual have four Themed Fridays during the Lenten Season to collect for this charity details to follow. The themed dates are 14/03, 21/03, 28/03 and the 04/04/14.

#### Hunter Health Refurbishment

Health and Safety officers from the company engaged in refurbishing the local health centre will speak to the children next week on Safety on and near a building site.

### Traffic

Some concerns regarding inconsiderate parking have been brought to our attention particularly where children are being dropped off at the front of the school. Please ensure if your child is dropped off within the school grounds that they exit the car on the pavement side and make their way around via the Nursery to the lines at the rear in time for 8.55am.

### Curriculum

Science Week- We have secured funding from the Edina Trust this session to support Science Week commencing on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The trust will pay two thirds cost of the workshop for all the children and the school fund will cover the balance. See diary for details.

We continue to pursue the development of our outdoor learning environment and Mrs Magee has embarked in phases 3 and 4 of the Forest School training.

The work of installing trim trail and other physical equipment is as yet out with our budget, however, we will continue to apply for external funding to supplement the donations made last year by SHAPES already earmarked for this initiative

### Senior Residential Trip

The final balance of the proposed field trip scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April is due by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Primary 7

May I remind you that, if you have not already done so, could you return the Transition letter regarding your child's place at High School.

The school will close for Easter break on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30 and reopen Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.55am

Yours sincerely

P Stewart  
Head Teacher

I have received the February Newsletter.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of: \_\_\_\_\_

