



# MERCY NEWSLETTER



## JANUARY 2017



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Dear Parents,  
Happy New Year to you all. It has been lovely to welcome all our girls back to school and get back into routine after the relaxation of the Christmas season! New Year's resolutions and fresh opportunities lie ahead for us all this year. Why not come and try something new with our fun parent activities this term!

### **SNOW WARNING**

We have a snow warning this week, **please do make sure your telephone numbers are up to date** so that if we need to close in the middle of the day or cannot open one morning due to snow/ emergency we want to be able to contact you directly. Keep an eye on our facebook and webpages if the snow causes us to close we will let you know.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS IN OUR 100 CLUB DRAW FOR DECEMBER**

Our draw was held on 19 December 2016.  
£250 Sarah Murray 7  
£100 Emma Mowbray 17  
£50 Colette McLarnon 19  
£50 Carol Kearney 12  
£50 Sam Quigley 10

The draw is £10 to enter and will be drawn every second month. There are still numbers available if anyone wants to join in for the next draw which takes place in February.

### **After Schools Clubs**

Our range of afterschool clubs begins again this term, Drumming, Drama, cookery, Multi linked sports, Netball, Choir, ICT and Homework club. Look out for details, some club places may be limited

Our Parent activities will resume next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays including Lets Do it Cookery and exercise, computer & I-pad activities, sewing and gardening. Details to follow!

### **Confirmation for Primary 7**

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January we will celebrate Confirmation at Holy Cross Parish. We will be holding a Service of light before details of which will be sent home.



Congratulations to all our P1&P2 pupils for their wonderful performances in the **Christmas Nativity Plays** and to P1-7 for the Christmas Carol Service in Holy Cross Church. Check out the web site for more photos.

### **POST PRIMARY OPEN EVENINGS**

Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils should consider attending the post primary open days/nights that are happening this month. Some of the post primary schools have been in to talk with our P7 girls about their schools.

**Mercy College** - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
**Edmund Rice** - 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
**Dominican College** - 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017

An information sheet with all schools and dates has been sent home

### **Open Afternoon!**

We held a very successful and busy open day on the 30<sup>th</sup> November when we welcomed new faces and old friends to our school. Reminder: P1 Applications for September 2017 are due in on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January.



### **ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK!**

Please check hair is free from unwanted visitors on a weekly basis. Thank you!



### Teachers Strike

There is a proposed ½ day of industrial action on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017. If this takes place school will not open until 12.30pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience.



The Governors would like to congratulate Mrs Loughran who has been shortlisted for a Blackboard Award 2017.

**Many Thanks to our generous parents and sponsors, and all who contributed towards our Christmas Fair:**

Co-op Cliftonville Road

Stanleys Butchers

Tesco

Marina's Hair Salon

The Chip Company Ardoyne

Beauty by Sharlene

Funworks

She Nails It

Black Beauty Salon

McKenzies Chemist

Mr Burnside

Hudsons Pizza, Cliftonville Road

McAuffields Butchers

Argento

Special thanks to our Tuesday craft group for their support!

### **SNACKS AND MILK**

Snack money for this term is £21.70

Milk money for this term is £11.00

Reminder: Dinners are now £2.55 per day.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

16<sup>th</sup> January - After School Clubs begin.

17<sup>th</sup> January - 2pm Service of Light P7

20<sup>th</sup> January P5 Mrs Cush - Assembly

21<sup>st</sup> January - **P4** Do This in Memory of Me Mass @ Holy Cross Church 7pm.

23<sup>rd</sup> January - Peace Proms workshop P5,6&7 Choir

25<sup>th</sup> January -(Wed) - **Confirmation** P7 11am

1<sup>st</sup> February (Wed) - **Grandparents Day**

P7 Visit to Children's Commissioner pm

2<sup>nd</sup> February (Valentines Crafts) with parents

9<sup>th</sup> Valentines Disco (PTA)

10<sup>th</sup> February - Puppet Show P1-P4

13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February **Mid Term**

**School Closed (Mon-Fri)**

20<sup>th</sup> February Beam Internet Safety Talk P7

23<sup>rd</sup> February Cancer Focus Visit P1-P7

26<sup>th</sup> February SSE ARENA Peace Proms

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Day Concert.

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March - **St Patrick's Day**  
**School closed**