

St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

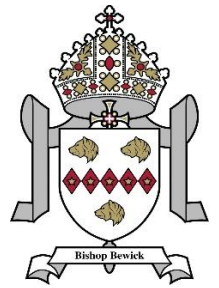
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St Columba's Families,

Welcome back after the summer holidays! We hope you had a fabulous summer and a well-deserved rest. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school – they have been amazing this week and a real credit to you all.

We have been especially proud of our Nursery and Reception children who have joined our community; we are so impressed by the way they have settled straight into new routines. It has been lovely to welcome them.

Thank you, as well, to the staff who have worked so hard over the summer break, and over the course of this week, to prepare the school and classrooms. They have ensured a calm and settled start for all of our children.

Below, you will find key messages and information from this week. Also attached to the newsletter is a copy of the term dates for this academic year and a copy of the latest menus. Thank you to all of you for your support in such a positive start to the school year.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Quinn



Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **97.3%**. This means that we are in the green zone and meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

We are delighted to announce that Reception and Year 1 are the joint winners of our attendance trophy with an overall attendance of **100%**. Congratulations to both classes!

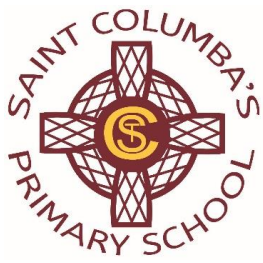


Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child into school with a named water bottle each day. We do ask that children's bottles to be used within the classroom only contain water. Thank you.

Residential Visit to High Borran's Y6

We are pleased to confirm that the Y6 residential to High Borran's will be going ahead. We will be holding a short information evening for parents of pupils in Y6 with regards to this forthcoming residential trip. This will take place on Thursday 14th September at 3:30pm in the Year 6 classroom. In this meeting, we will share packing lists and ask parents to complete consent/medical forms. If you cannot attend, we will send this information home with your child the following week. We look forward to seeing you there.



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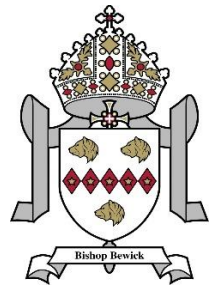
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PE Days

All children need to come into school wearing their PE kit on their allocated days listed below. PE will be outside where possible, so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather that day and is wearing suitable footwear. A reminder that children are not permitted to wear football strips, patterned clothing or thin cotton leggings. They must also wear their school jumper on top of their PE Kit.

PE days for this half term are as follows:

Reception - Thursday and Friday

Year 1 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 - Thursday and Friday

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 - Thursday and Friday



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please remember to book your places as soon as possible, using our online system. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept children who have not been pre-booked on the system. The online booking system closes at 7am for Breakfast Club and 3pm for After School Club.

Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am onwards at a cost of £3. After School Club closes at 5:45pm at a cost of £6.

If parents would like any further information, or support with this, please contact the school office.

Class Assemblies

We look forward to welcoming parents and families into class assemblies as we return to our usual routines. Please save the KS2 dates for this Autumn Term. Dates for the KS1 and Reception class assemblies will follow in the Spring Term.

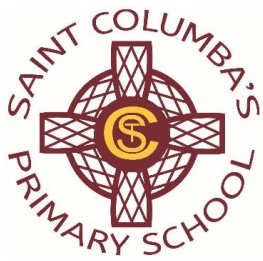
Friday 29th September - Year 6 (2pm in the school hall, followed by CAFOD soup lunch in the classroom)

Friday 20th October - Year 5 (9.10am in the school hall)

Friday 3rd November - Year 4 (9.10am in the school hall)

Friday 24th November - Year 3 (9.10am in the school hall)





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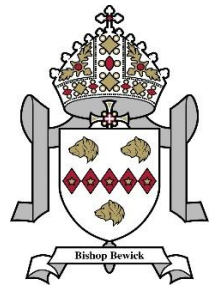
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Data Collection

At this time of year, it is important that we ensure that the data we hold for your child is up to date. Please return any data forms or inform the school office of any changes as soon as possible. This includes contact telephone numbers and email addresses for key family members. Please note that parental permissions given in the previous academic year will remain unless parents contact school to change this. (e.g. photo permission, website, SeeSaw, PG films etc). If anyone is unsure, or would like to review these permissions, please contact Mrs Craggs via the school office.

School Uniform

A few reminders of some key points within our uniform policy:



School Logo – it is not compulsory to have the school logo on any item of school uniform

Earrings – children are not permitted to wear earrings of any size for school. If needed, flat plastic retainers can be purchased from the school office. This is for health and safety reasons

Trainers – children are not permitted to wear trainers for school unless it is their PE day. Trainers should be plain black or white where possible

Watches – children are permitted to wear a simple wristwatch but are asked not to wear smart watches, including Fitbits, this is for safeguarding reasons

Make up and nail varnish – children who arrive at school wearing make-up or nail varnish will be asked to remove this using wipes that are kept in the school office

PE kit – children should be dressed in a light blue crew neck t-shirt, school jumper and black bottoms (shorts or joggers). Children are not permitted to wear thin cotton leggings on PE days, sports leggings with no visible logo are permitted

If you need any support with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact school. We have a number of items of 'new', 'nearly new' and 'preloved' items in our swap shop which is available to anyone who may need it.

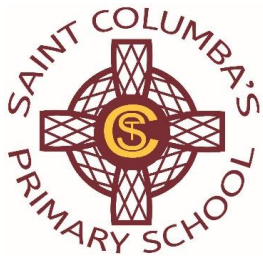
Pupil Premium

If you feel that your child may qualify for free school meals and pupil premium funding, please contact the school office and we can help you to make an application. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Registering for free meals could also raise an extra funds for school to provide valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

School Meals

Please remember to top up children's online accounts for school meals. A reminder that meals are supplied by Mellors, our catering company and cost £2.35 per meal (or £2.10 for Nursery children).





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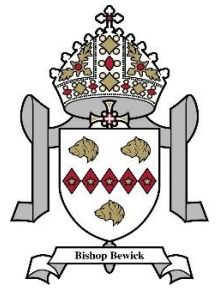
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Diary Dates

Curriculum Evenings: Please save the date to attend a 'meet and greet' with your child's teacher and to hear key dates and information about the upcoming year. All curriculum evenings will start at 3.40pm and will be held in your child's classroom.

Nursery and Reception – Thursday 5th October

Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday 3rd October

Year 3 and Year 4 – Wednesday 4th October

Year 6 – Monday 2nd October (Year 6 will go ahead for parents even though children are in High Borran)

Year 5 – Thursday 12th October

Parents' Evenings: Please save the date to attend appointments with your child's teacher to hear about their academic achievements and progress. Appointments will be available to book closer to the date, via SchoolCloud.

Monday 27th November and Wednesday 29th November (3.45 – 6.00pm)

