



St Ronan's, Recarson

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to our new pupils; Alfie, Cathal, Grace, Leah, Megan, Olivia, Ronan, Sarah, Shanog and Caoimhin. Welcome!

School Uniform



Parents are asked to ensure that their child's name is clearly marked on all school uniform, lunch bags and P.E. clothing. Your help is greatly appreciated. With the introduction of the new school jumpers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding. Like all new initiatives, there are a few teething problems, but can I please reiterate that this is a phased introduction and traditional jumpers will remain part of the uniform for the next couple of years.

I am aware that some families may find the financial implications testing. If so, please contact me directly and alternative arrangements in relation to payment can be made. Thank you.

Mon: <u>3.30pm</u> = <u>4.30pm</u>	P5, P6 & P7: Make Believe Drama (see attached flyer) *Club will run from 3.30-4.30pm. Pupils staying for this club will be supervised in school until 3.30pm. Tutor: Martina McCauley	20 places Cost: £35 for 10 weeks
Tues: <u>3pm-</u> <u>4pm</u>	P3-P7: Lego Club Tutor: Sharon Wilson	16 places Cost: £30 for 10 weeks
Wed: <u>3pm-</u> <u>4pm</u>	P4-P7: Burns Soccer School (see attached letters) Tutor: Burns Soccer Academy *Burns Academy will run a free taster session for all pupils on Thursday 7th September during the school day	20 places Cost: £36 for 12 weeks

After School Programme Term 1

Thanks to the success of the After Schools programme last year, a variety of clubs is on offer. The After School programme must be financially viable to run. Registration - in advance - is necessary to provide an indication of numbers committed to attending. This, then, will help determine whether a club can go ahead as the school **must** cover costs from within the programme.

The cost of attending each Club is noted above and is *non-refundable* once paid.

As the clubs are being run by outside organisations, unfortunately we are unable to offer a reduction in price if attending more than one club. Registration forms (with payment) should be returned as soon as possible and the closing date for the return of registration forms is **Thursday 14th September 2017**. If spare places are available for a particular club, these may be made available to other year groups. **Please remember: Pupil Registration Forms must be returned with payment to secure a place in a particular club.**

SAFETY

Parents going to the P1&2 Classroom **must** use the main pupil entrance for health and safety reasons. Thank you.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Sweeney, local musician, back to St Ronan's Recarson. P1&P2 will participate in weekly singing lessons with Mrs Sweeney each Friday while pupils in P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7 will receive Tin Whistle tuition every Friday afternoon. Mrs Sweeney will also help to develop the skills of our school's traditional music group. Music will begin on Friday 15th **£10** is now due. Pupils in P3-P7 will require a Tin Whistle. These can be purchased from the Office for **£4**.

What's happening this month in St Ronan's Recarson?



- Thursday 7th September**, Burns Soccer Academy will run a taster day for all pupils in P3-P7. Please ensure all PE kits are sent into school for this day.
- Our Beginning of Year Mass, will take place in St Mary's Church, Killyclogher week beginning **25th September**. We will confirm date in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you all there.
- Parent Support Group.—The AGM of the Parent's Support Group will take place on Tuesday **10th October at 7.30pm**. New members most welcome.
- Monday 18th September:** Staff training Day—**Pupils are not in school on this date.**



Primary 7 Prefects for Term 1

P7 pupils assuming new responsibilities this term as 'School Prefects' are (Back row L-R): Mark, Rebbecca, Beth

(Front row L-R): Lewis, Caitlin and Megan

Breakfast Club

School is open from 8.30am for pupils wishing to attend the Breakfast Club. The Breakfast Menu, which runs until 9.00am, includes: Tea or Coffee 40p; Hot Chocolate 45p; Fruit Portion 45p; Toast 25p; Cereal with milk 30p; Cereal no milk 25p; Pancakes 40p; Soda Fart 25p; Scones 35p; Half Bagel 45p.

Pupils pay at the counter as they order each morning. Correct change is greatly appreciated.



Term 1 Coaching:

Gaelic Football Coaching for this term begins for pupils in P5, P6 and P7 will be provided by Gary Wallace from Killyclogher GAC on Wednesdays, beginning 13th September.

Class teachers will inform each year group of their PE days and other external coaches.

P1-2 After School Club

Any P1 or P2 pupil waiting after school for an older brother or sister to be collected, may avail of the P1-2 After School Club. Pupils may remain in Mrs McGread's classroom where they will be given a snack and supervised until the 3 o'clock pick-up time.

The cost is **£1.50 per day (per child from Mon. 4th Sept) payable to the Class Teacher.**



Reminder P7 parents: Entrance Test Registration Deadline

The deadline for parents to submit completed **Registration Forms for the Entrance Test** for local grammar schools is

2.00pm on Friday 22nd September 2017.

(The Entrance Test is on **Saturday 18th November 2017**)

Further information is available through local grammar schools.

Please ensure all Data Collection and Pastoral Care forms are returned to class teachers by **Monday 11th September**, so that records can be updated accordingly.

Thank you.

School P.E. Kit

New pupils will be given a small gym bag in which to store their P.E. kit. This will be sent home regularly so that P.E. kit can be washed but must be sent back in again as the bag will be retained and used again by your child the following school year. Your co-operation is appreciated. Replacement bags can be purchased from the Office.

School Photographs

Individual and class photographs will be taken by the School Photographer on **Wednesday 4th October 2017**. A note will be sent home so that parents can indicate if they wish family or individual photographs to be taken. Please ensure these are returned by Friday 29th.



Roald Dahl Day 2017

This year the school will participate in the 'Roald Dahl Day' on Wednesday 13th September. We will not be dressing up this year, but each class will engage in fun interactive activities within their class!

Attendance

St Ronan's Recarson has a very positive attendance rate. If your child will not be in, please telephone the school office. Also we now would ask that **if your child is absent please send in a letter/note to the class teacher stating the date(s) of absence and the reason for the absence from school.** We appreciate your cooperation with this matter. Thank you.