

# St Michael's Primary School Finnis



## Newsletter March~ April 2017

It's great to see the weather taking a change for the better and the children getting more opportunities to get outside. Hopefully this spell of warm weather will dry the pitch out somewhat and there won't be as many children going home mucked to the eye-balls!

As has been highlighted before, the school and BOG are very concerned about the safety of the children at drop of time in the morning and home time in the afternoon due to a build-up of traffic at the front entrance to the school. There is an on-going issue with people parking in the school bus lay-by and across the lane in King's drive way. We are lucky in that we have two great car parks which parents can use. We would ask in the interests of everyone's safety that parents and grandparents use the Hall car park or Chapel car park and then walk their children to the front of the school at these two busy times of the day.

We are always delighted to see past pupils visit the school and feel it is a sign they remember their time here with fondness. We would ask though that past pupils limit their visits to whenever our school has a half day or there is a particular party day on. Thank you for your cooperation.

There will be further industrial action on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. This means that the majority of teaching staff will be unable to remain in school after 12.30pm. Therefore, the school will finish for all pupils at 12.30pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Big Final Bingo is on 9<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm, we would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the bingo to date for their fantastic support, it has been a great success. Thank you also to all the organisers for all their hard work and effort.

Easter Bunny Hunt Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, egg knocking will also be held on this day, no celotape on the eggs!!!

Clothes spring clear out!! Clothes can be left in school from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April for collection Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Raffle for Holy Child will take place Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April; tickets are six for a pound. Prizes will be provided by the staff.

School closed Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March for St Patrick's Day and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> school is closed for children as there is a staff training day on.

School closes for Easter, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 am and reopens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Reception and Primary 1 and Primary 4/5 classes will be visiting Castle Espie on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April for educational visits; this trip is funded by the Parents Association.

Milk for March £3.99 and for April £2.73.

The Jungle Show will be visiting the school Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

We have received offers of help from parents to get the school garden up and running which will hopefully be happening as the good weather is coming in.

Sister Mercedes, the Diocesan Religious Inspector paid her annual visit to the school recently and was again extremely complimentary about the school and the wider school community. Please find enclosed letter.

Yours faithfully

Donal Mc Caul

Principal