



PARK LODGE NEWS



January 2012

YEAR 1 ENROLMENT 2012

**Is your child's 4th birthday on or before 1st July 2012?
Then he/she must start
Primary School in
September 2012.**

Application forms are available from the school office.

Complete the form and return it to the school by 12 noon on
**WEDNESDAY
18th JANUARY 2012**

CONFIRMATION

A Service of Commitment and Light for parents and Year 7 pupils will be held in St Gerard's Church on
**Tuesday 17th January 2012
at 7.30 p.m.**

The Year 7 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Gerard's Church on
**Wednesday 25th January 2012
at 11.00 a.m.**

Bishop Farquhar will celebrate the mass.

Refreshments for everyone will be provided by the PTA in St Gerard's Community Centre following the Confirmation service. You will have an opportunity to meet Bishop Farquhar in the Community Centre.

The school will close at 1.00 p.m. for all pupils on Wednesday 25th January 2012.

School dinners will be served as usual on this day.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent/ teacher interviews for all parents/guardians of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will take place during the week

6th – 10th February 2012.

Interview dates and times will be distributed shortly.

To assist us with the schedule of interviews, please ensure that you arrive in good time for your interview with the teacher. If you are unable to attend at the given time, please contact the class teacher in advance.

Transfer interviews for parents/guardians of Year 7 pupils will also be held during the week beginning 6th February 2012.

EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURE DAY

The school will be closed for all pupils on

Friday 10th February 2012.

The planned Exceptional Closure Day on 19th January 2012 has been postponed due to industrial action. This will be now be a normal school day.

MID-TERM BREAK

The school will be closed for the mid-term break during the week
**13th – 17th
February 2012.**

School re-opens on Monday 20th February 2012 at the usual time.

To celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, a mass will be celebrated in the school on
Thursday 9th February 2012,
for pupils in Years 4 - 7.

**School will close for all pupils at 12 noon on Thursday 9th February 2012.
School dinners will be served as usual on this day.**

PTA NEWS

The PTA Quiz will take place in the Lansdowne Hotel on
**Wednesday
24th February 2012 at 8.00 p.m.**
All welcome!

The next PTA Meeting will take place in the Lansdowne Hotel on
**Wednesday 18th January 2012
at 7.00 p.m.**

New members always welcome!

Many thanks to the PTA who will provide party bags for the Year 7's and the choir on Confirmation Day

200 CLUB WINNERS December 2011

£50 – Martina Craig

£25 – Oonagh McCormack

£10 – Stephen Creagh

STAMPS

We are collecting used stamps to send to the William Keown Trust – a charity which raises funds for Leukaemia Research.
Used stamps can be left in the school office.

Many thanks for the hundreds of stamps we have received already.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

on
Monday 19th March 2012
in celebration of
St Patrick's Day.

PHOTOGRAPHS



The school photographer will take
Year 1 photographs on
Tuesday 24th January 2012

The school photographer will take
Year 7

Confirmation Photographs

on
Thursday 26th January 2012.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our boys and girls from Years 6 &
7 have been training during
lunchtimes every day in
preparation for Third Round of the
Northern Ireland Athletics Cross-
Country Challenge.
which takes place in
Musgrave Park

on
Thursday 19th January 2012!
We wish them well in this event.

SHORT TENNIS

Short Tennis lessons have
resumed for this term.

Year 5
12.00 noon to 12.45 p.m.

Year 3
2.00 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Year 6/7
2.45 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Tennis dates are:
12, 19, 26 Jan,

2, 23, Feb,

1, 8, 15, March.

FIRST CONFESSION

This will take place for
Year 3's in
St. Gerard's Church on
Friday 30th March 2012
at
10.30 a.m.

A Pre-First Confession Meeting
will be held in the school hall on

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will take place
for all Year 4 pupils in
St Gerard's Church on

Saturday 12th May 2012
at 10.00 a.m.

A Pre-First Communion meeting
will be held on
Wednesday 2nd May 2012
in the school hall
at 7.30 p.m.



LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

School hours are as follows –

Years 1 – 3 ~
9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Years 4 – 7 ~
9.00 a.m. – 2.45 p.m.

Parents/Guardians of children who
wish to leave school before the
end of the school day **must** seek
the permission of the
Principal/Vice Principal.

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LOST PROPERTY

There are items of 'Lost Property'
including shoes, coats, PE gear
etc. in the school.

Please contact Mr McQuaid
regarding lost property items.

TRAFFIC WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

We would ask you to co-operate
with us by using the front car
parking facility and driving slowly
and very carefully at all times. The
police have also monitored our
traffic problems and they assure
us that they don't have a problem
with "set downs" of children on the
main Antrim Road.

**The staff car park should NOT
be used for early morning or
afternoon 'set downs' as this**

HURLING PRACTICE

Mr David McGowan will shortly
resume coaching of our Year 2
pupils for Hurling lessons on
Friday mornings.

Hurling practice for pupils in Years
5 – 7 begins on

Friday 20th January 2012
3.00 – 3.45 p.m.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

The law says that 'schools must
register the names of any person
who has parental responsibility for
a child'. If you wish to update the
information we have regarding
your parental responsibility then
please contact the school
secretary for the appropriate form.

LATE COLLECTED CHILDREN

When children are not collected at
"home time" they should always
make their way back to the office,
where phone calls can be made
and they may wait until they are
collected.

Please ensure that your child is
collected promptly following after-
school activities.

EARLY MORNING SUPERVISION

Supervision of children begins
each day in the school hall from
8.30a.m. Those children who
arrive in school before this time
must be accompanied by an adult
and should make their way directly
to the hall and not to the
classroom.