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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **BALLYMENA FESTIVAL**

Well done to all those pupils who performed during the Festival, they have been a credit to the school. A special mention to the choir who finished first and second in their classes and to the Y7 classes who were placed second and third in the choral poem.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS- Y1-6 CLASSES**

In addition to the parent consultations in October the school is offering parents the option of a second meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March to discuss your child's progress. **Please note that this meeting is optional and will take place face to face in school.**

Parent Meetings must be booked through the ParentMail app with bookings opening today (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March) at 5.00pm and will close on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Teachers will arrange to meet the parents of pupils with IEPs separately, therefore they will not be getting a link to book a meeting through ParentMail.

Please note:

- Bookings for Y4 Miss Carlin's meetings have closed, and these meetings will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- Y6 CK's meetings will be with Mrs McAleer.

### **BOOK WEEK**

The Book Fair will remain open until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, parents/guardians can visit the Book Fair with their child from **8.30am-8.55am and from 3.00-3.30pm**. To celebrate Book Week, each class has been set the challenge of learning a poem this week as part of their homework. The poems will be performed at assembly next week. Mrs O'Kane has also set a reading themed homework which involves interviewing a parent/guardian and designing a book cover.

### **EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM**

Well done to all the boys and girls who have been eating lots of fruit and vegetables as part of the Pupil Council's healthy eating campaign. The school canteen will be setting up a 'Veg Bar' from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, different vegetables will be displayed each day with the aim of getting the pupils to try something new.

To facilitate these there will be a change in menu for that week:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March-** fish fingers, mash, beans, pear, ice cream and chocolate sauce.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March-** chicken goujons, diced potatoes, tossed salad, artichoke roll and fruit.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March-** Burger, chips, coleslaw, chips, biscuit and fruit.

### **GREEN DAY**

‘Green Day’ will be celebrated in school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March with traditional music and dance. The children are allowed to wear something green to school for the day- hairband, t-shirt etc. **The green item should be worn alongside normal school uniform; this is not a non-uniform day.** The school will be closed for pupils on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March (Parent Consultations) and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Y7 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The time for Confirmation has been confirmed as **12noon** on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Please find attached a parent/guardian guide for Tik Tok produced by the Education Authority and the Department of Education. Despite being for users aged 13 and older, Tik Tok like a number of other social media apps is popular with children within St. Colmcille’s. I would respectfully ask parents/guardians to read the information within the leaflet and monitor their child’s online activity as they deem appropriate.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 First Confession <b>All Saints’ Church – 5pm</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Green Day
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Term 2 Parent Meetings – <b>school closed for pupils</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Patrick’s Day Holiday- <b>school closed</b>