



# Roan St Patrick's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## **Primary 7 Post-Primary Transfer Application Process**

The portal for post-primary school applications is now open and will close on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 12 noon. If you require any support or advice with this process, please make contact at any time over the next fortnight.

## **Autism NI Superhero Week**

All classes will complete tasks this week to help raise awareness of Autism in school and at home. We will post up some of the activities at the end of the school week.

## **Safer Internet Day**

Tomorrow is Safer Internet Day and all classes will learn how to stay safe online – we will post out some advice for parents so that you can reinforce this at home.

## **NSPCC Day**

On Wednesday, we will host a range of NSPCC led assemblies in each class. Please read the attached document for further information.

## **Friends of Roan - Roan Run Marathon Fundraiser**

We have 4 marathon runners, 8 relay teams and a number of 8-mile walkers signed-up for our upcoming Roan Run Marathon fundraiser. We will launch the fundraiser officially on Wednesday, letting you know the teams and how you can fundraise!

## **Armagh International Road Race**

We have a number of children competing at the Road Race in Armagh on Thursday night. Runners can meet Mr Mone at the gaol end of the mall at 6.30pm (full running gear including school running vest with warm tracksuit over the top). **All runners must be collected by their parents at the child collection area, adjacent to the finish line at the Courthouse side of the mall after their race.**

## **Primary 3 Assembly / Half-Term Presentations / Ash Wednesday**

Our Primary 3 children will perform their class assembly next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 11.15am in the Parochial Hall (all Primary 3 parents are invited to attend). We will have our Half-Term Presentations afterwards (please return all Gold Awards) and Fr Heagney will give out ashes before children return to the school.

## **School Closure**

We will be closed from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February for midterm, reopening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> as normal.

## **Healthy Kidz**

The current block of Healthy Kidz after-school provision will finish this week – a new link for the next block will be sent out before the midterm break.

## **Primary 6 Parents – Transfer Test Meeting**

I will meet with parents of children hoping to sit this year's transfer test on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in the school. If parents wish to begin some preparation work for the papers, there are some useful booklets in the home learning section of the school website under the Primary 6 tab - 'Transfer Test Revision Booklets' - password: Roan2020.

## **World Book Day**

We will celebrate World Book Day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March with a fancy dress and book swap (more details to follow).

Yours sincerely,

S Mone

Principal

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme**

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe. Programme*** this Wednesday 7th February. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

### **Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe**

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<b>Parent/Carer support</b> Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents">www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</a>	<b>Activities to extend learning at home</b> Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities">www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</a>
<b>Online Safety Hub</b> For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety">www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</a>	<b>Childline – under 12's</b> Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. <a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy">www.childline.org.uk/buddy</a> (5-7) <a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/kids">www.childline.org.uk/kids</a> (7-11)
<b>Talk PANTS with your children</b> Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants">www.nspcc.org.uk/pants</a> .	

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful. Please do contact me if you have any further questions.

S Mone

Principal