



St. Malachy's Primary School

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Dear Parents

We would respectfully ask that you contribute towards our Cake Sale tomorrow. All proceeds are going to 'Shirley's Summit'. Please donate items for the sale which commences at 10 am. All are welcome to attend.

School is closed on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

First Communion will be on **Sunday 7th May at 10 am** in St Malachy's Church. As is customary we will open the school after the ceremony for refreshments and a photographer will be present to take individual photographs. It has been traditional that Primary 3 parents help out on the day with serving the refreshments. A meeting of the PTA will be held on **Wednesday 3rd May at 7 pm** in school to make arrangements for Holy Communion. P3 parents are welcome to attend.

There has been much discussion on educational budgets recently. Like all schools we are seriously affected and our financial situation is such that difficult decisions will have to be made in terms of provision and maintaining high standards. For the first time in years we will actually be in deficit at the end of this financial year due to a restricted and uncertain budget. Most schools are facing a similar situation. We have been forced to prepare an indicative budget, as has every school. The implications are that over the next few months we will have to consider increases to our charges for After Schools for example. We cannot absorb additional costs within our budget. Ample notification will be given for any additional cost arising. We will make every effort to keep these increases to a minimum. We have been making stringent efforts to keep our running costs down.

Please note the menu for school dinners will now be on the website every month. We will not be sending out a paper copy.

Congratulations to those children who participated in the K'nex Challenge recently in Belfast. We have succeeded in getting through to the Northern Ireland finals in June. This in addition to our first place in the UK Minecraft competition is testament to the hard work of both teachers and children.

Yours sincerely

PAUL DUGGAN
Principal

