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We follow in Christ's footsteps

Thursday 19th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

First Holy Communion update

On Sunday 12th June at 9am in St Patrick's Church, some of our Y4 and Y5 pupils will be making their First Holy Communion when they will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. This is culmination of many months of preparation, including their First Reconciliation.

For those children involved, we would like to explain the set-up of the day.

Girls can wear a Holy Communion dress (or another special 'party-type' dress) gloves may be worn but must be removed when receiving the Eucharist. Simple jewellery may be worn.

Boys wear smart black or dark grey trousers (school trousers will do) with a plain white shirt, red tie. If you need a loan of a red tie, we do have some in school.

We ask that those pupils, who are making their First Communion, arrive promptly at 8.15am for individual/family photographs.

We anticipate the Mass will last about an hour and then we encourage all pupils and their families to stay and join us in a congratulatory gathering in school before children leave to possibly continue their celebrations further.

We are looking to enlist a parent/carer volunteer who is able to liaise with both staff in school and other parents to organise foods/snacks for the after Mass celebration on FHC day. Hopefully, we can also organise some parents/carers to volunteer alongside some members of staff after school on Friday 10th June to set up the hall in readiness for the gathering. Parents have always supported us in the past to do this and I know there will be many of you willing to give your time.

Please contact school if you are willing to work with us and co-ordinate this by **Monday 23rd May**. We will also need your permission to share contact details.

If your child is in Y4/Y5 and would like to come to support friends, they would be most welcome. Please let us know by **Thursday 26th May** so we have an idea of numbers. Every pupil would need to be accompanied by an adult or supervision organised via your own arrangements with other families.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

We are looking forward to a lovely occasion!

Kind regards

Mrs Burgess
Headteacher

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