12/04/2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you will be aware, Confirmation takes place for pupils in 6th Class on Thursday the 26th of April in St. Patrick’s Church, Slane at 3pm. Please note the following

**Ceremony of Light**

* The Ceremony of Light was due to take place on Sunday the 22nd of April at 11am in St. Patrick’s Church but Fr. Gavin has now been asked to attend a Diocesan trip to the Holy Land. As a result, the ceremony will take place with the pupils tomorrow in St. Patrick’s Church during school time.

**Confirmation Day**

**Pupils in the Choir**

* Pupils in the choir will be in school as normal on the morning of the Confirmation (in school uniform not tracksuit) and will be going to the Church at 2.45pm to form the choir for the ceremony.
* We have arranged for pupils in the choir who have brothers and sisters making their Confirmation to be at the front of the gallery so that they will have the best possible view of the ceremony.
* After the ceremony, pupils in the choir may be collected outside the Church at 4.10pm approx.

**Pupils in 6th Class**

* Pupils making Confirmation are expected in their seats with their sponsors no later than 2.45pm.
* Areas in the centre of the Church will be marked reserved for pupils and their sponsors. Pupils will also be able to guide their sponsors to their allocated seats. There will be seating to the rear of the main part of the Church, at the sides of the altar and the side galleries upstairs for family members. Seating for family members will be on a first come first served basis. The choir will be taking up the central gallery.
* The Bishop of Meath has stated in a letter to the school, that mobile phones/videos/DVD cameras or photography are not to be used during the ceremony. There will be one official recording made, and this will be available on the school website after the ceremony.
* Instead of exchanging cards with each other, the pupils are donating €10 each towards charities nominated by themselves. They can send this money into school after Confirmation. Please do not exchange cards at the ceremony.
* The day after Confirmation, Friday the 27th of April, a photographer will visit the school. All pupils are invited to wear their Confirmation clothes to school for photographs. Children are free to go home at 12pm on that day when photographs are completed. Pupils must be collected by an adult.

A huge amount of work has gone in to this process already by the pupils, yourselves as parents, class teachers Mr. Fagan, Fr. Gavin, school staff, pupils in other classes, the PA and others in the Parish community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone listed above for their time and energy in preparing for this day and I would also finally like to wish the pupils the very best for the day itself.

Regards,

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Paul O’Donnell

Principal