

## ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**DEAR PARENTS,**

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILD TO MAKE HIS OR HER FIRST COMMUNION THIS YEAR?**

If your child is in Yr. 3 or above you may apply to have him or her to be prepared this year. To do this you should come to a special meeting for parents

**AT 7.00PM TONIGHT 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
IN ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH.**

**THIS MEETING IS FOR PARENTS ONLY** and will last about an hour and at it the programme for this years preparation and the dates will be outlined and you will also be able to fill in enrolment papers. **If you would like your child to be prepared this year please come along to Church for 7.00pm.**

**WEDNESDAY WORD.** This is a leaflet that explains the gospel which will be read out at the following Weekends Mass and this weeks edition is presently being sent out. It contains lots of puzzles and other activities and it is sent home to parents each week so they can use it with their children as a preparation for the weekend Mass. **I do hope you will make use of it with your children.**

**WELL DONE TO ALL THE PUPILS IN MRS PAGES CLASS 5P.** This class was the best attending class in the school for last term and so they have won our **Magnificent Termly Attendance prize** which is a prize of their choice. What will they choose? **Thank you pupils in 5P and thank you Mrs Page for doing so well. Do keep up your excellent attendance.**

**SEEDS FROM SPACE.** This week we discovered that St Columba's is one of the schools selected by the Royal Horticultural Society to plant some of the seeds which were brought back from the space station where Tim Peake the British Astronaut is working for the next six months. As you can imagine all at St Columba's are overjoyed by this news especially Mrs Marshall who applied for the seeds. **Thank you Mrs Marshall for doing this.**

**THIS TERMS PROJECTS.** As soon as the rain allows we will be recommencing our RSPB Birdwatchers scheme which involves our pupils learning to recognise and care for the birds who fly into our environment. They will then supply the RSPB with information about the birds they see to help the RSPB keep tabs on the changes in our country's bird population and distribution. Our School Council will be embarking on the '**GREEN AMBASSADOR**' project which is designed to help schools and communities protect and develop our environment. Also as part of our horticultural work Mrs Marshall and Mrs Leeming have developed a recipe for a new main course called **"A KNOW IT ALL FRITTATA"**.

**THIS WILL BE COOKED BY MRS LEEMING** and a group of pupils from the vegetables grown in our school and with eggs from Mrs Marshall's hens. I'm sure this main course will be delicious. Details of other projects will be sent home next week in each classes 'Curriculum Letter'. Please note their contents and discuss them with your children. If you could help develop these projects at home in anyway please do.

**THE 1<sup>st</sup> WHOLE SCHOOL MASS OF THE YEAR WILL BE AT 9.30AM TOMORROW FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY IN CHURCH.** Our pupils will be singing enthusiastically, reading the passages from scripture, saying the Bidding Prayers and leading the processions. If you are free do come along and if you are able to come back to school afterwards for refreshments please do so.

**P Spillane – Head teacher**