



St. Mary's Primary School

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Parents' Newsletter
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WELCOME BACK

As we embrace another school year we extend a very warm welcome back to all our pupils and a special welcome to all of our new comers. This year we are delighted to say we have 12 Primary 1 children starting as well as 5 children joining us from other schools.

We wish all our pupils a very happy and successful time in St. Mary's Primary School.

School Dinners

Like all things ...the cost of school dinners remains this year at **£2.60** per day or **£13.00** per week.

Parents in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) please ensure that the correct forms have been sent. Only pupils on the list sent from SEA (Southern Education Authority) are entitled to free school meals with **'no free meals entitlement being carried over from the 2017-18 school year.'** Unfortunately, this means that those parents must pay for school meals until the school receives notification from the education authority. **If in doubt, please contact Patricia in the school office.**

A reminder too of school and SEA policy that this year we are robustly applying the non-accrual of dinner money beyond one week (5 days). Please ensure that **all monies are in a clearly marked envelope with the child's name, amount and date(s) the payment is for.** ******We are extremely grateful to the parents who follow these guidelines.******

ADVANCE NOTICE

*SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER BOOKED
FOR
MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER*

School Uniforms

The new school term always shows the school uniform off to its best. We insist that items of clothing (including coats) are clearly marked and that your child can identify it. Only sweatshirts and coats that are **clearly** labelled can be found if lost!

Birthdays Celebrations in September Happy Birthday to You!

Keegan Bennett
Eva Rose Corr
Eva Kelly
Clodagh Coyle
Jayden Campbell
Daire Biggs
Dylan Doris
Senna Dillon-Coyle
Cara Campbell
Mr Reilly

Changes in School

The Department of Education has granted Mrs McBride's redundancy effective from 31st August 2018. Mrs M Hamill will be taking up a full time teaching position from 3rd September. As you are aware like many schools we are already under enormous pressure from the current deficit in spending. You have already seen a withdrawal in services to our pupils and with over a billion pounds cut from the block grant unfortunately, it's our schools, children and the staff which are paying the price.

However, on a positive note, I am confident that with your support the school will move forward at this particularly challenging time, this is an issue which should not divide us. Ultimately I believe we deserve better – but we have to deal with what has been planned for us this year. Your support throughout the year will be very much appreciated. Marian Hamill

After Schools

After schools will run for **Term 1 only** this year. Timetables will be issued next week, with the afterschool sessions beginning the week of the 17th September. A small fee will be applied to all sessions. Again due to administration all monies must be paid in full and in advance.



N.I. Water Bus

The Water Bus will be pulling up on **Wednesday 12th September**. Pupils will learn by presentation and demonstration about a range of water issues such as the water cycle, water for health and water conservation.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We will be issuing the Parents' Information Booklet and consent forms this month. In it you will find dates of school holidays and closures; dates of Religious Celebrations; details of initiatives within the school and a brief guide to some of the policies within the school. Please take time to read through the booklet, keep it as a reference for throughout the year and complete and return the consent forms as soon as possible.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming starts, Tuesday 11th September with our Primary 4 and 5 children (Mrs Hamill's class). Here's hoping they will have packed their equipment and have the correct money with them. The cost per session has risen to £4.00 due to increases in fuel and leisure centre charges. Please remember too the money/coin for their locker

DATES FOR THE SEPTEMBER DIARY

Date	Event
4 th	New school year begins
11 th	Swimming - P4 & 5 pupils
12 th	Water Bus P4-7
17 th	P4 & 5 Coalisland Library
26 th	Beginning of school year mass
28 th	P6 & 7 Assembly

Coaches

We remain grateful to the many additional staff that support us in school.

Donald – traditional music will be starting Tuesday 4th

Jim – drama, starts Monday 10th September

Shirley – Piano tutor will start lessons on Friday 14th ** Places available**

Changed your mobile number or moved address?

Please make sure that your contact details are up to date with the school secretary.

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL MEALS

Week commencing	3 rd September	10 th September	17 th September	24 th September
Monday		Savoury Mince BB Chicken Drumsticks Mash Potato Pasta Peas & Carrots Chocolate muffin cake & Custard	Chicken Panini Steak Burgers Peas & Carrots Mash Potato Pasta Fruit Sponge Cake & Custard	BBQ Chicken Drumstick Savoury Mince Mixed Vegetables Mash potato Pasta Chocolate Muffin Cake & Custard
Tuesday	Cottage Pie Oven Baked Sausage Mixed Vegetables Pasta & Gravy Mash Potato Jam Sponge & Custard	Home- Made veg & Chicken Soup Butchers Burger /Bap Mixed salad Cheese & Onions Jelly & Fruit	Pizza Fish Fingers Chips & Mashed Potato Sweetcorn Rice & Pasta Jelly/Fruit	Chicken Nuggets Chicken Pasta Bake Sweetcorn/Peas/Pasta Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard
Wednesday	Chicken Curry & Rice Fish Fingers Mixed Vegetables Mash Potato Gravy Egg Sponge & Carmel Sauce	Pizza Fish Fingers Carrots & Peas Mash Potato Rice & Pasta & Gravy Swiss Roll & chocolate Sauce	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Peas & Carrots Mashed Potato & Gravy Pasta Semolina and Peaches	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish in Crumbs Peas/Carrots Mashed Pots/ Gravy Fruit Sponge and Custard
Thursday	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Cauliflower & Broccoli Mash Potato & Oven Dry Roast Potato Pasta & Gravy Jelly & Fruit	Roast Turkey & Stuffing Gravy Cauliflower & Broccoli Mash Potato Pasta Rice Krispie Square & custard	Spaghetti Bolognese Chilli Chicken Wrap Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Mash Potato Home-made Wedges OC Choc Sponge & custard	Home-made Veg or Chicken Soup Butchers Burger n Bap Selection of Bread Salad/Cheese/Onions Ice-cream tub/Fruit
Friday	Steak Burgers / Bap Tuna Roll Chips & Mash Potato Mixed Salad Gravy Frozen Mousse	Chicken Nuggets Tuna Roll Chips/Mashed Potatoes/Gravy/ Pasta/Salad/Sweetcorn Artic Roll and Fruit Ice Cream & Wafer	Hot dog Tuna Roll Chips & Mash Potato Ice Cream Chocolate Sauce	Fish Fingers Grilled Bacon Chips/Mashed Pots/Pasta Beans/Peas Chocolate and Custard

Fresh Fruit, water & milk served daily. Any Allergies .. make sure and contact us at school