



# St. Mary's Primary School

## Parents' Newsletter

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### Testing Times Ahead

The annual end of year assessments commences the week beginning **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**.

Pupils from P.3-6 will sit their end of year assessments in their year bands in the sports hall. We hope for full attendance all of this week as there is a busy schedule ahead for the children. Each pupil will sit 1 assessment per day.

Results of these assessments will form part of the written Annual Report issued week beginning

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will be closed on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** and **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> June**

School closes **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June @11am** for the summer term

### May Altar

Come and pause and say a prayer at our May Altar in the front porch which has been created and maintained by the youngest in school - our P1 children.

Mrs Hamill's class assembly which is dedicated to Mary will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am** parents and friends of the pupils are welcome to attend.

### ONLINE APPLICATION FOR HOME SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The EA has an online process for any new parents applying for home to school transport assistance (Parents of P1 pupils). Application should now be completed at

[www.eani.org.uk/transportapp](http://www.eani.org.uk/transportapp)

The qualifying distance is three miles for Post Primary and two miles for Primary.

### Confirmation

We were so proud of our P7 pupils who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation ceremony on Thursday past. One more important milestone in their journey to becoming confident young adults. Professional photographs are available of the class please see school website and class porch for proofs.

**Grateful thanks to Mr Reilly, Sinead, Lynette and Donald for all their work in the children's preparations.**

Well done also to the Traditional group who performed at the ceremony they were really outstanding. Thank you as well to the Altar Servers who assisted the clergy during the ceremony. Thanks also to you the parents for accommodating us with these arrangements.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Primary 4 children will make their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am** in St. Mary's Church.

Immediately after the service there will be a **group photograph** of all the P4 pupils at the altar, and following this a reception for the children, their parents, families and friends in St Mary's Parochial Hall. PJ Campbell (photographer) will set up a studio on the stage of the hall to take individual photographs of the children and/or family groups.

Parents of our Primary 3 children will be asked to make a contribution to the Holy Communion reception by providing either biscuits or buns. Please leave the donations in the school office on the days prior to Holy Communion.

### Your Views

Parents of the Primary 1 pupils will be issued with a questionnaire next week asking for their views on the school and how they feel their son/daughter has managed in their first year of school.

The school is developing its new three-year plan and part of that process is gathering the parents, pupils and staff views about St Mary's.

I would be grateful if our P1 parents complete the questionnaire and place it in the box in the school porch when they are collecting their child(ren) at 2pm.

### END OF YEAR TRIPS

Details of the end of year trips will be circulating soon. The whole school will be off on the **25<sup>th</sup> June** with **P1- P3 heading off to Peter Pans and the Park** and **P4-7 will be jetting off to the Jet Centre.**

### Birthdays Celebrations

Conan McCullagh

Kian Bleeks

Faith Megaw

Fiontan Coyle

Kevin Johnston

Ryan Ajay

### Developing ICT Skills

The last of the Shared Education programmes finishes with Mr Reilly's class where under the guidance of ICT experts from the AMMA centre in Armagh the children will engage with Coding and Programming.

The school will host the series of three workshops and we will be joined by the pupils from Ballytrea PS on each occasion.

### Sports Day at St. Mary's

We have provisionally booked one day (*the best day*) during the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June as our Sports Day. Now if *Bara Best* decides that the Monday of that week is going to be the best I will update the website and social media pages so that the children are dressed for Sports ... here's hoping the sun shines for us! We will do our best to keep you posted of the arrangements.

### Leavers Assembly

There will not be a dry eye in the school when the P7 perform their 'Leavers Assembly' as their final farewell to all at St Mary's. Parents, family and friends are invited to this special assembly on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2pm**. Following their end of year trip (25 June) Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June will be Primary 7 pupils last and final day at Primary school.

### Application Forms for Free School Meals / Uniform Allowances for the 2018-19 school year

These forms will be distributed to new parents at the P1 'Welcome Meeting' on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Parents who have children already entitled to free meals will receive an application form sent directly to their home address. All existing entitlements will end no later than 30 June and **each parent must reapply for the new school year in September.**

**Ulster in Bloom** – an important meeting for any green fingered persons will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Crieve Centre. Anyone interested in helping the town's entry to 'Ulster in Bloom' competition is welcome!

### DATES FOR THE DIARY: MAY

Date	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Confirmation Pupils Photo Shoot (please bring your confirmation clothes to school)
6 <sup>th</sup>	School Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Reilly's class AMMA centre ICT workshop in school
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Reilly's class AMMA centre ICT workshop in school
18 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion
20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Reilly's class AMMA centre ICT workshop in school
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	School Holiday

### POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Parents of P7 pupils transferring to their Post Primary school will be informed of the decision on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

A note detailing contingency measures if this post fails to arrive, will be issued to P7 parents shortly. This will provide telephone numbers of personnel you will be able to contact in the Education Authority.



## MAY SCHOOL MEALS



Week commencing	6 <sup>th</sup> May	13 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May	27 <sup>th</sup> May
Monday	School Holiday	Pasta Bolognaise & Garlic Bread Barbecued Chicken Drumsticks Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit Sponge Cake & Custard	Pizza Savoury Mince Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rice & Pasta Chocolate Muffin Cake & Custard	School Holiday
Tuesday	Oven baked sausages Tuna wraps Chips & Mashed potatoes Baked beans & Gravy Rice & Pasta Semolina & fruit	Pizza Chicken & pasta bake Peas & Sweetcorn Chips & Mashed Potatoes Apple Crumble Custard	Chicken & Pasta Bake Fish Fingers Chips & Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Peas Rice & Pasta Swiss Roll & Chocolate Sauce	School Holiday
Wednesday	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish Fingers Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rice & Pasta Swiss Roll & Custard	Grilled Bacon Salmon Fish Cake & Fish Fingers Baked beans Rice & Pasta Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Jelly	Chicken Curry & Rice Steak Burger Baked Beans & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Pasta Flake Meal Biscuits & Custard	School Holiday
Thursday	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rice & Pasta Rice Krispie Square Custard	Roast Turkey & Stuffing Broccoli & Carrots Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rice & Pasta Chocolate cookie Custard	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Broccoli & Carrots Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rice & Pasta Shortbread & Custard	School Holiday
Friday	Vegetables & Chicken Soup Selection of Bread Steak Burger & Bap Salad Bar Frozen mousse	Chilli Chicken Wrap Hot Dog Chips & Mashed Potatoes Salad Bar Artic Roll Fruit	<b>BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL</b> Cocktail Sausages Mini Pizza Mini Chicken Wraps Salad Bar Cubed Fries Ice Cream	School Holiday

