



St. Mary's Primary School

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Parents' Newsletter

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Our school year comes to an end...

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over and that we will soon say farewell to our fourteen wonderful P7 children. We hope they leave with fond memories of their primary school, trusted friends and a high regard for their experiences at St Mary's. We really do wish them well in their new schools in September.

In their place comes a group of fifteen new Primary one children who will be approaching us I'm sure with anticipation and hopefully some excitement. We look forward to welcoming them and pray that they too will be blessed with all of the opportunities to develop, learn and achieve their potential.

At the end of the school year too we are grateful for the support of the many trained coaches and facilitators who support us weekly in school- Donald Canavan: Traditional Music, Jim McKeown: Drama, Ryan Daly, Gaelic Skills, Niall Gavin: Healthy Kidz, Abigail McKeown: Education Authority, Keith Ruddell: Swimming and Shirley Walker: Piano.

We extend thanks to all of the staff who helped us with our Extended School's activities, Shared Education activities, the SOFT project and all the specialist support from the Education Authority and not forgetting visits from both our local and diocesan clergy. This dynamic group of people continue to support us and ensure that our school, St. Mary's is simply the best!

On behalf of all of the staff of St Mary's can we earnestly thank you the parents for your support throughout this school year and wherever your journey over the summer months takes you, we do wish you all a really relaxing and safe summer.

Take care and thank you from all the staff at St Mary's

Cheque for £417 has been sent on behalf of the children at St Mary's Stewartstown to Trocaire. Thank you!

AWAY FOR THE DAY

As the end of term approaches the annual school trip have been planned.

P1-3 To Peter Pans and the Park in Portadown (Lunch provided in cost)

P4-7 To the Jet Centre (please bring a packed lunch)

Children wear their own clothes

Please return the reply slip issued as soon as possible.

Mrs McBride

The school staff, children parents and Governors congratulate Mrs McBride on her retirement. Mrs McBride has been a dedicated and committed member of St Mary's as class teacher and Art and PD & MU Coordinator. Mrs McBride always ensured that all children in her care received the greatest care and attention throughout her teaching career. Mrs McBride was also instrumental in making sure the school was keeping abreast of new initiatives such as Welcoming Schools, Shared Education and Erasmus+ to name but a few. From the bottom of our hearts we wish Philomena all the very best in the next stage of her life and thank her earnestly for her dedication to St Mary's. Mrs McBride's retirement will be marked at the P1 & 2 assembly on Friday 7th June at 9:30am.

How Proud we all were!

First Communion was celebrated on Saturday 18th May and we were just so proud of the children. They read, sang, played and participated so confidently and respectfully throughout the ceremony. Big thanks to the school's Traditional Group, P4 Tin whistle group, the Altar Servers, Mrs B Hamill, Clodgah O'Neill, Fr Seery and Packy Coyle for all of their help and support in ensuring the ceremony ran smoothly. In addition, we are very grateful to St Mary's Parochial Hall Committee who supported us on the day we really couldn't have done it without everyone's help. Professional photographs taken on the day of the group are available to order from Patricia.

Leavers Assembly

Mr Reilly's P7 leavers will be celebrating their special school leavers mass on **Friday 21st June** at 10am followed by their leavers assembly at 2:15pm. We wish this group of young people every success in their new schools. May they undertake this new chapter in their lives with enthusiasm and positivity. We wish them joy, fulfilment and success in all they do!

Birthdays Celebrations in June

Logan Campbell
Lynette Cullen
Caolan Hamill
Paige O'Neill
Mason Jeffers
Mckenzie Heron
Eve Dillon
Nikol Melohina
Austeja Gillen

SPORTING DAY OUT FOR ALL

The annual **Sports Day** will take place on **Wednesday 5th June**. The fun will start at 9:45am. The children's menu that day will be burger & chips and visitors will be able to avail of this menu at the same time as the children.

Tea & biscuits will be available during the day as well as the much looked forward to coke and crisps shop! Children to come to school dressed in comfortable sports-wear and suitable footwear. **We hope and pray for a dry, fun and accident free day!**

NEW COMERS INDUCTION DAY

Parents of new children who will be starting Primary 1 are invited to an information meeting on Tuesday 11th June at 10am. Invites have already been issued and we are hoping for a good turn out.

School Uniform

School uniform is available from the usual outlets – at Frank McGirr's shop Coalisland and online at Tesco Uniform, enter the school postcode to locate the school.

Please note black shoes remain school uniform policy throughout the school year.

SOFT Project

The Supporting our Families Together project are holding workshops in school to help the children with their emotional resilience. The 'Bounce Back' programme will be held in each class for a series of two sessions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations and best wishes to **Kate Kelly and her family** on the birth of her new baby brother. What a lucky baby he'll be with such a great big sister!

DATES FOR THE JUNE DIARY

Date	Event
3rd	P7 Leavers Video shoot
5th	Sports day
7th	AMMA Centre Shared Education last one!
7th	Mrs M Hamill's class assembly
10th	SOFT programme 'Bounce Back'
11th	New parents and pupil's induction morning.
12th	Academy Blitz SOFT programme 'Bounce Back'
13th	Brocagh P.S. Play (whole school) @ Craic Theatre
18th	SOFT programme 'Bounce Back'
19th	Prize Giving 9:45am
20th	SOFT programme 'Bounce Back'
21st	End of Year Mass P7 Leavers Assembly
25th	End of Year School Trips
26th	P7 Last School Day
28th	School closes 11am

*School reopens for new school
year on
Monday 2nd September 2019*



JUNE SCHOOL MEALS



Milk & Water available daily

Fruit and Yoghurt and Bread available daily

Menu subject to deliveries

	Week commencing 3 rd June	Week commencing 10 th June	Week Commencing 17 th June	Week Commencing 24 th June
Monday	Savoury Mince Chicken Goujons Carrots and Peas Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Chocolate Muffin Cake and Custard	Pasta Bolognaise & Garlic Bread Barbecued Chicken Drumsticks Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit Sponge Cake Custard	Fish Fingers Savoury Mince Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rice & Pasta Chocolate Muffin Cake & Custard	Steak Burger Savoury Mince Carrots/Peas Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Biscuit Fruit and Custard
Tuesday	Oven baked sausages Tuna wraps Chips & Mashed potatoes Baked beans/Peas & Gravy Rice & Pasta Semolina & fruit	Pizza Chicken & pasta bake Peas & Sweetcorn Chips & Mashed Potatoes Apple Crumble Custard	Pizza Peppered Chicken and Rice Chips & Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Peas Rice & Pasta Swiss Roll & Chocolate Sauce	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Jelly and Fruit
Wednesday	Sports Day Menu Burgers, chips Salad Ice-cream	Chicken Chilli Wraps Fish Fingers/Salmon Bites Baked beans Rice & Pasta Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Jelly	Chicken Curry & Rice Steak Burger Baked Beans & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Pasta Flake Meal Biscuits & Custard	SUMMER BRUNCH Sausage Bacon Beans Scrambled Egg Toast Diced Fries Chocolate Cookie and Fruit
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	Chicken Nuggets Tuna Wrap Peas/Corn/Pasta Chips Ice-Cream Tub
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	BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL Cocktail Sausages Mini Pizza Mini Chicken Wraps Salad Bar Cubed Fries Ice Cream	School closes 11am

If a child has an allergy, please contact Mrs Hamill or Anne Marie Campbell, Unit Catering Supervisor

