



St. Mary's Primary School

Parents' Newsletter

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MID TERM BREAK

Mid Term Break this year: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Well done to all the P7 children who got their transfer results on Saturday past we are very proud of each and every one of you.

SUPERHERO WEEK: 10th – 14th February

The school council have decided that in order to help raise awareness of autism in school and at home, we will take part in 'SuperHero' week. Each pupil will be given tasks to do at home then on day five we will have a Super Hero day with each pupil coming to school dressed as their favourite Super Hero. The school council will decide on in-school activities for the week and kindly ask you to contribute £1 towards school funds. The home tasks are as follows:

1. Be as **STRONG** as Superman eg. Help carry the shopping.
2. Be as **SMART** as Ironman eg. Do your homework.
3. Be as **KIND** as Wonder Woman eg. Feed your pet or the birds.
4. Be as **GENEROUS** as the Black Panther eg. Set the table.
5. Be as **AMAZING** as Spiderman eg. Keep your room tidy.

Shared Education

This term continues our shared learning with Ballytrea PS in our schools and venues in the area.

New School Football Kit

Many thanks to the Keystone Group for sponsoring St. Mary's PS new football kit. Special thanks to past pupil Owen Coyle for organising this generous gesture. Our boys and girls took part in the design and no doubt will wear their strip with pride.

Good luck to the P6 & P7 boys and girls who will play their first tournaments in Cookstown on Thursday 6th February and Thursday 27th February respectively

FEIS OILEAIN AGUS CLUAINÉ

Coalisland Feis will take place this year in **early March** (*date to be confirmed*) in the Parochial Centre, Coalisland.

A request for entrance fee will be issued shortly, the staff in school will prepare the children with their poems and we ask that you hear them recite it every evening.

Up to date information will be posted on their website <http://www.cairdeuineill.org/>

Trocaire- Healthy Breaks

This year our fundraising effort for Trocaire will commence the first week of March (Wed 4th March). This will be in conjunction with our 'Break Time Healthy Snack' sale for three days a week in school- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Each pupil in every class will be asked to contribute to the sale. Details to follow.

Birthdays Celebrations in February

Lisa Mulgrew
Callum Taggart
Clodagh Smith
James Hughes
Patrick Coyle
Kaiden O'Neill
Jake McElhatton
Rosie Scullion
Alphy McGlinchey
Joe McNally

The May Bank Holiday is Friday 8th May and **NOT** Monday 4th.

Post Primary Applications

Thanks to all P7 parents who completed their admission to Post Primary school form for their son or daughter. The forms will be sent to the Education Authority this week for processing. It's hard to believe that the P7 pupils are at this final last stage of their Primary Education.

P1 Health Appraisals

School health team have issued forms to all P1 pupils for their health checks. Please take the opportunity to talk to the nurse about any concerns you have regarding speech, sight, behaviour etc. The school nurse can make referrals based on evidence that you provide. This is a really valuable service to schools and one we would like to use to the fullest.

School Health Team @ St Mary's Monday 3rd February – Tuesday 4th February.

St. Mary's welcomes Grace Doris and Sean Gallagher from HTC and Niall McKeown from St. Mary's College for work experience – we hope they enjoy their time at St. Mary's.

Internet Safety Day: Tuesday 11th February.

The purpose of this day will be to add emphasis to our on-going work regarding electronic/E safety for children.

Thank you to the estate of the late Barbara Devlin, (a past teacher in St Mary's) for the kind donation to our school. We are extremely grateful.

DATES FOR THE FEBRUARY DIARY

Date	Event
3 rd & 4 th	School Nurse P1 - Health appraisals
4 th	P6/P7 Swimming Gala
5 th	P4/P5 RSPB
6 th	Cuman na mBunscol boys at Cookstown
7 th	Shared Education: Mr McGahan's class at Ballytrea PS
11 th	Shared Education: Mrs Hamill's class at St Mary's
13 th & 14 th	HTC pupils on work experience
17-21	Mid Term Break
25 th	Shared Education: Mrs Duffy's class at St Mary's PS
27 th	Cuman na mBunscol girls at Cookstown
28 th	Whole School Mass

After The CRAZY week in St Mary's our pupils raised £206. This will be a great boost school funds for future events. Thank-you everyone for the fantastic effort you all made.



FEBRUARY SCHOOL MEALS



Milk & Water available daily. If a Child has an allergy please contact the Principal/Unit Catering Supervisor

	Week commencing: 3 rd February	Week commencing: 10 th February	Week Commencing: 17 th February	Week Commencing: 24 th February
Monday	Savoury Mince Chicken Goujons Beans and Peas Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Chocolate Muffin Cake and Custard	Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread Fish Fingers Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit Sponge Cake Custard	S.C	Savoury Mince Fish Fingers Peas and Carrots Mashed Pots/Gravy/Pasta Semolina and Fruit
Tuesday	Hot Dog Tuna wraps Chips & Mashed potatoes Salad /Corn/Pasta/Gravy Chocolate Cookie and Milk Shake	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Grilled Bacon Peas & Sweetcorn Chips & Mashed Potatoes Apple Crumble Custard	S.C	PANCAKE TUESDAY Home-made Veg or Chicken Soup Butchers Burger and Bap Onions and Cheese Selection of Bread Pancakes and Fruit
Wednesday	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish Fingers Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rice & Pasta Swiss Roll & Custard	Savoury Mince Fish Fingers Beans/Peas/Pasta Mashed Pots/Gravy Jelly and Fruit	S.C	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Tuna Wraps Peas and Corn/Pasta Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard
Thursday	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Chicken Chilli Wrap Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rice & Pasta Rice Krispie Square	Roast Turkey and Stuffing Barbequed Chicken Wrap Broccoli and Carrots Pots/Pasta/Gravy Chocolate cookie and Custard	S.C	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Chicken Chilli Wrap Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Jelly and Fruit
Friday	Vegetables & Chicken Soup Selection of Bread Steak Burger & Bap Salad Bar Artic Roll and Fruit	VALENTINE LUNCH Cocktail Sausage Mini Pizza Salad/Pasta/Gravy Diced Cubes/Chips Vanilla Tubs and Fruit	S.C	FEBRUARY SPECIAL Cocktail Sausage Mini Pizza Salad/Pasta/Gravy Diced Cubes/potatoes Frozen Mousse and Fruit