



St. Mary's Primary School

Parents' Newsletter

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And 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 twenty new Primary one children who will be approaching us I'm sure with anticipation and hopefully some excitement. We look forward to welcoming them in September 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: Traditional Music, Jim: Drama, Brian: Gaelic skills; Mrs Bryans, Ms McGarrity & Mrs Savage: School Orchestra & Violin; Shirley Walker: Piano. Never mind the staff who brought us our Extended School's activities, the drumming programme, Shared Education outings, specialist support and the 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 thanks from all the staff at St Mary's

Policy Consultation

Please view the school website – **Parent section** where you will find a 'Consultation Page' this page will have the current policy that the school is reviewing. Please take time to read the policy and complete the short questionnaire. The section is password protected for parents from St Mary's, please use password: '**Parentsabc**' to access the policy.

AWAY FOR THE DAY

As the end of term approaches the annual key stage trips have been planned.

Reception to P4 are off to 'Peter Pan's' in Portadown on Thursday 22nd June and P5 to P7 are off to pool and cinema in Lisburn on Friday 23rd June. Please return the reply slip issued as soon as possible.

Birthdays Celebrations in June

Edel Skeffington
Lynette Cullen
Caolan Hamill
James Coyle
Paige O'Neill
Dean Keogh
Diana Trykoz
Connor Nixon
Mason Jeffers
Mackenzie Heron

How Proud we all were!

First Communion was celebrated on Saturday 13th May and we were just so proud of the 12 children. The children 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, Fr Seery and Packy Coyle for all of their help and support in ensuring the ceremony ran smoothly.

In addition, we are grateful to the St Mary's Parochial Hall committee and our Parents and Governors who helped us on the day... we were delighted with the large turnout for refreshments.

Photographs taken on the day and of the group are available to order from Patricia, the school secretary

Final June Assembly

Mr Reilly's P7 leavers will be putting on their final and last assembly on Tuesday 27th June at 2pm.

We wish this really remarkable group of young people every success in their new school and we hope they carry with them the skills, knowledge, confidence and many happy memories of their time at St Mary's.

Their departure will be marked with a special school leaver's assembly on **Tuesday 27th June at 10am.**

Congratulations to Jack Devlin on the birth of his baby sister!! We have heard how cute and adorable she is from big brother Jack.

SPORTING DAY OUT FOR ALL

We are planning for the annual **Sports Day** to take place during the week beginning Monday 5th June. We will keep an eye and ear out for Barra Best to see what he is predicting as the best day and then we will spread the word. The fun will start at 9:45. The children's menu that day will be burger & chips and visitors will be able to avail of this menu following the children's lunch.

Tea & coffee and buns will be available during the day as well as the coke and crisps shop! **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 **Friday 2nd June at 10am**. Invites have already been issued and we are hoping for a good turn out.

COME ON ST MARY'S!

Congratulations to the girls who made it to the quarter finals and were narrowly beaten by a point at the St Patrick's Academy Blitz!

Friday 2nd June sees our boys and girls off to Stewartstown Harps grounds for our annual school Rounders and Football tournament under the management of Mr McGahan, Mr Reilly, Kelly Dillon and Jennifer Kells here's hoping the pupils will do their club and school proud! St. Mary's welcomes: Rock, Kileenan and Dunamore P.S. to take part in what will be an exciting tournament!

Orchestra Recital

The P5 pupils performed for their parents and families on Thursday 18th May where they showcased all the skills developed in their year-long Musical Pathways Project. In addition, our talented Traditional Group and the P6 & P7 individual violinists played their pieces too and it was amazing to listen to how they had progressed in such a short time. A reminder please that those interested in taking on individual tuition next year to complete the reply slip and return it to school.

Tyrone Summer Camps-- Culcamps

Application forms for the Stewartstown GAA summer camp are now available online. Please complete your application and payment online.

PLEASE NOTE
ANY OUTSTANDING
MONIES **MUST** BE PAID
BEFORE THE END OF
TERM.

DATES FOR THE JUNE DIARY

Date	Event
1 st	Primary 6 to Holy Trinity College - Taster sessions
2 nd	Induction morning for new parents and pupils
2 nd	School Tournament
5 th - 9 th	Sports some day this week
6 th	Mrs Hamill drumming session
13 th	Drumming showcase
14 th	Whole school Brocagh PS Play @ Craic Theatre
15 th	Trad. Group to Ashbrook Residential Home
21 st	Prize Giving 9:45am
22 nd	End of Year school Trip Rec- P4
23 rd	End of Year school Trip P5-7
26 th	Star Pupils, Best Class Attendance school trip
27 th	End of Year School Mass @10am
27 th	Leavers Assembly 2pm
28 th	Traditional group to Corkhill Residential Home
30 th	School Closes Summer term @ 11 am

**School reopens on
Friday 1st September 2017**

JUNE SCHOOL MEALS

	Week commencing: 5 th June	Week commencing: 12 th June	Week 19 th June	Week commencing: 28 th
Monday	Savoury Mince Steak Burger Peas/Carrots/Gravy Pasta and Mashed Pots Shortbread and Custard	Savoury Mince BBQ Chicken Drumsticks Pasta/mashed Pots/gravy Carrots/Peas Chocolate Muffin Cake and	Chicken Wrap Fish Fingers Peas/Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta Jam Sponge and Custard	Savoury Mince Fish Fingers Turnip and Peas Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Fruit Sponge and
Tuesday	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish Finger Peas/Corn Chips Mashed Pots Ice-Cream Wafer	Home-made veg/chicken Soup Butchers Burgers and Bap Cheese/Onions Mixed Salad	Oven Baked Sausage Tuna Roll Chips/Mashed Pots Beans/Peas/Pasta/Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard	Chicken Nuggets Tuna Roll Beans/peas Chips/Mashed Pots/Pasta
Wednesday	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Broccoli and Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Jelly and Fruit	Pizza Fish Fingers Beans/Peas Chips/Mashed Pots Pasta Swiss Roll and Custard	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Peas and Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Fairy Cake and Fruit	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish n Batter Carrots/Corn Mashed Pots Gravy Jelly and Fruit
Thursday	Pasta Bologanise Pizza Beans/Peas Pots and Gravy Semolina and Fruit	Roast Turkey and Stuffing/Gravy Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots and Pasta Rice Krispie Square and Custard	Pasta Bolaganise Pizza Sweetcorn Peas Mashed Pots/Pasra/Gravy Apple Crumble & Custard	Steak Burger and Bap Mixed Salad Cheese/Onions Chips/Pasta Ice-Cream and Wafer
Friday	Hot Dog or Tuna Roll Pasta/Salad/Corn Chips and Potatoes Fairy Cake and Milk Shake	Chicken Nuggets Tuna Roll Chips Mashed Potatoes Salad/Pasta/Peas/Savoury Rice	Butchers Burger and Bap Mixed Salad/Cheese and Onions Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy	

Milk & Water available daily
available daily

Fruit and Yoghurt and Bread
Menu subject to deliveries

If a child has an allergy, please contact the Principal/Unit Catering Supervisor