



# St. Mary's Primary School

## Parents' Newsletter

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### Testing Times Ahead

The annual end of year assessments commences this week – **Monday 22nd 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 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Primary 4 children will make their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 13<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.

### Birthdays Celebrations

Aisling Burns  
Conan McCullagh  
Titas Aleksa  
Kian Bleeks

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will be closed on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
And **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May**.

School closes **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June @11am** for the summer term

### Music at St. Mary's

Well done to the Traditional group who performed at both Mrs Marron's leaving and at the Confirmation ceremony they were really outstanding on each of these occasions. Thanks also to you the parents for accommodating us with these arrangements.

The P6 and 7 pupils will be engaging in a whole day African Drumming workshop with Ballytrea PS on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. P4 and 5 will have a special invite to view their performance in the afternoon along with the Governors of both schools.

Primary 5 orchestra and pupils receiving individual viola/violin tuition will perform for their parents and friends on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10am**. The school traditional music group will also be making an appearance for what will be an enjoyable event. Come along and see the talent for yourself! All welcome!

And finally Mrs Hamill's class are also drumming away to the beat as part of an eight week programme. They will perform for the school and parents in June. We will send out a reminder beforehand of the details. We hope you can join us.

### 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 Reception and P1 children.

Mrs McBride's class assembly which is dedicated to Mary will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am** parents and friends of the pupils are welcome to attend.

### Confirmation

We were so proud of our P7 pupils who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation ceremony on Friday past. It was a pleasure to have been part of their ceremony which really is another milestone in their journey to becoming confident young adults.

### \*\*\*\*\*WELCOME\*\*\*\*\*

A warm welcome is extended to Mr McGahan who has joined us for Term 3 and teaching the Primary 5 and 6 class. Make sure and shout out a 'Hello!' if you see him around school!

### END OF YEAR TRIPS

Details of the end of year trips will be circulating soon.  
Rec- P4 will be heading away on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** and P5-7 will be off on their end of year trip on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**.

### ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS – SOUTHERN AREA ADVICE

Please be aware that in order to guarantee the safeguarding of pupils with allergies, or any other special dietary requirement, the school needs to be informed by the parents of the pupil's dietary requirements and provide adequate information/evidence (e.g. Letter from a GP/Dietician). Working with the Schools Meals service we can then source suitable food provision and highlight possible limitations for the Pupil. The schools meals service will then be in a position to provide all the necessary information on allergen management and ensure suitable measures are in place for provision. Once again the Parent must inform the school of any changes to requirements in the interim

Further information on the Food Information Regulations or allergens, can be found on the Food Standards Agency website at [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk)

## Sports Day at St. Mary's

We have provisionally booked one day (*the best day*) during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June as our Sports Day... here's hoping the sun shines for us!

We will 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 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.

## Application Forms for Free School Meals / Uniform Allowances for the 2017-18 school year

These forms will be distributed to new parents at the P1 'Welcome Meeting' in 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.**

## ONLINE APPLICATION FOR HOME SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The EA has introduced a new, 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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY: MAY

Date	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Confirmation Pupils Photo Shoot (please bring your confirmation clothes to school)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	African Drumming Workshop Mr Reilly's class
5 <sup>th</sup>	Outside Counts @ Parkanaur with Ballytrea PS Mr McGahan's class
9 <sup>th</sup>	Drumming Music Workshop - Mrs Hamill's class
13 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion
16 <sup>th</sup>	Academy Tournament P6 & 7 Fr Faul Cup - Gaelic
18 <sup>th</sup>	Orchestra Recital
22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS
24 <sup>th</sup>	Shared Education lesson No5- Mrs Duffy's class
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs McBride's class assembly at 9:45am
29 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Holiday- Monday & Tuesday

## POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Parents of P7 pupils transferring to their Post Primary school will be informed of the decision on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

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;	1 <sup>st</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> May	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	29 <sup>th</sup> May
Monday	School Holiday	Savoury Mince BB Chicken Drumsticks Peas/Carrots/Pasta Mashed Potato/Gravy Chocolate Muffin Cake and Custard	Savoury Mince Steak Burger Peas/Carrots Mashed Potato/Pasta/Gravy Fruit Sponge Cake and Custard	Cottage Pie Chicken Paninis Mixed Vegetable Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Flakemeal Biscuit and Fruit	School Holiday
Tuesday	Pizza Fish Fingers Chips/Mashed Pots Beans/Sweetcorn Pasta/Gravy Semolina and Fruit	Home-Made Veg/Chicken Soup Butchers Burger/Bap Mixed Salad Cheese/Onion Jelly and Fruit	Chicken Curry and Rice Pizza Chips/Mashed/Pots Sweetcorn Pasta Swiss Roll and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Nuggets Tuna Wrap Chips/Mashed Potato Sweetcorn Pasta Apple Crumble & Custard	School Holiday
Wednesday	Roast Turkey and Stuffing Carrots and Peas Mashed Potato/Pasta/Gravy Apple Crumble and Custard	Pizza Fish Fingers Beans/Peas Chips/Mashed Pots Pasta/Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard	Roast Chicken/Stuffing Peas/Broccoli Mash Potato/Gravy Pasta Rice Krispie Square Custard	Fish Fingers Grilled Bacon Beans/Peas Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Artic Roll and Fruit	Beef lasagne, butchers burger Peas/corn/mashed potato/gravy Semolina and peaches
Thursday	Chicken Curry and Rice Battered Fish Peas and Corn Pasta/Mashed Pots/Gravy Jelly and Fruit	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Fairy Cake and Fruit	Spaghetti Bolognese Fish Fingers Sweetcorn Baked Beans Mash Potato Choc Sponge & Custard	Roast Turkey and Stuffing Cauliflower/Broccoli Mashed Potatoes/Pasta/Gravy Jelly and Fruit	Roast Gammon/Stuffing Chicken Wrap Peas/Carrots Mashed Pots/Gravy Chocolate Cake & Custard
Friday	Hot Dog Tuna Roll Chips/Mashed Potatoes Mixed Salad Frozen Mousse	Chicken Nuggets/Chips Tuna Wrap Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Salad/Sweetcorn Ice-Cream Wafer	<b>MARCH MADNESS</b> Cocktail Sausages Mini Pizza/Chips Pasta/Mixed Salad Ice-Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Home-Made Veg or Chicken Soup Steak Burger and Bap Mixed Salad Cheese/Onions Biscuit/Strawberry Milk Shake	Hot Dog and Chips Tuna Roll Mashed Potatoes/Pasta/Gravy Mixed Salad/Sweetcorn Frozen Mousse