



# St. Mary's Primary School

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Parents' Newsletter  
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## WELCOME BACK

The staff of St Mary's extend a very warm welcome back to all our pupils and a special welcome to all of our new comers. This year we are delighted to say we have 20 Primary 1 children starting as well as an additional family joining us from another school.

**We wish all our pupils a very happy and successful time in St. Mary's Primary School.**

### School Dinners

Like all things ...the cost of school dinners has risen again this year to **£2.6 per day** or **£13.00 per week**.

Parents in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) please ensure that the correct forms have been sent. Only pupils on the list sent from SEA (Southern Education Authority) are entitled to free school meals with **'no free meals entitlement being carried over from the 2016-17 school year.'** Unfortunately, this means that those parents must pay for school meals until the school receives notification from the education authority. **If in doubt, please contact Patricia in the school office.**

A reminder too of school and SEA policy that we cannot allow the accrual of dinner money past one week (5 days) Please ensure that **all monies are in a clearly marked envelope with the child's name, amount and date(s) the payment is for.** We are extremely grateful to the parents who follow these guidelines.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

*SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT  
MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> & TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER  
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER BOOKED FOR  
TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER*

### School Uniforms

The new school term always shows the school uniform off to its best. We do urge that items of clothing (including coats) are clearly marked and that your child can identify it. Only sweatshirts and coats that are **clearly** labelled can be found if lost!

### Birthdays Celebrations in September Happy Birthday to You!

Keegan Bennett  
Eva Rose Corr  
Cara Campbell  
Eva Kelly  
Clodagh Coyle  
Jayden Campbell  
Daire Biggs  
Dylan Doris  
Senna Dillon-Coyle  
Mr Reilly

### CONGRATULATIONS.....

to Mrs Marron who had an extra special summer with the arrival of a beautiful baby son, Lorcan. We wish Mrs Marron every success in her new teaching post.

### SIGNATURE PROJECT: SHARED EDUCATION: YEAR 3

The major focus of our Shared Education project with Ballytrea PS will this year focus on Play based Learning, Literacy and ICT. Mrs McBride, Mrs Duffy's and Mrs Hamill's classes will come together with Mrs Bell, Miss Dallas and Mrs Colvin's classes in Ballytrea P.S. The staff have already come together for a development day in August where they had a really informative day delivered by our school Governor Mr Ronan Park when both staff got to hear lots about the historical aspects of the Stewartstown area. Later in the year the KS2 pupils will be involved in basketball training and will hopefully enjoy learning how to play the game!

### Extended Schools

Funding cuts to the Extended Schools' budget has resulted in a reduction to the duration of the provision. After schools will run for **Term 1 only** this year. Timetables will be issued next week, with the afterschool sessions beginning the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> September.



**Please exercise extreme caution and care when parking and dropping off pupils at the school.**

**We know that parking is an issue but the safety of our pupils must come first.**

Please keep the school front gates clear at all times

### KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We will be issuing the Parents' Information Booklet and consent forms this month. In it you will find dates of school holidays and closures; dates of Religious Celebrations; details of initiatives within the school and a brief guide to some of the policies within the school. Please take time to read through the booklet, keep it as a reference for throughout the year and complete and return the consent forms as soon as possible.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming starts, Tuesday 5th September with our Primary 5 and 6 children (Mr McGahan's class). Here's hoping they will have packed their equipment and have the correct money with them. The cost per session remains £3.00 and money for their locker

**Changed your mobile number or moved address? Please make sure that your contact details are up to date with the school secretary.**

### DATES FOR THE SEPTEMBER DIARY

Date	Event
1st	New school year begins
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil photographs
5 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming - Mr McGahan's class
6 <sup>th</sup>	Traditional Music starts
7 <sup>th</sup>	P5 Orchestra commences Individual violin
15 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Elections

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
School Closed

### Coaches

We are grateful to the many additional staff that support us in school.

**Donald** – traditional music will be starting Tuesday 5th

**Jim** – drama, starts 13th September

**Rachel McGarrity & Siobhan Comac** – SEA Orchestra, and violin tuition start Thursday 7th,

**Shirley** – Piano tutor will start lessons on Friday 15th \*\* Places available\*\*

In addition to this we will have the support of a Speech Therapist, **Aine Barrett** who will be working with individual children after school.

## SEPTEMBER SCHOOL MEALS

	Week commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Week commencing: 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Week commencing:18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Week commencing;25 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Monday</b>	Savoury Mince and Pasta Fish Fingers Peas /Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta Jam Sponge and Custard	Pasta Bolognaise Butchers Burgers Peas/Carrots/Pasta Mashed Potato/Gravy Chocolate Muffin Cake and	Irish Stew Fish Fingers Peas/Carrots Mashed Potato/Pasta/Gravy Fruit Sponge Cake and	Cottage Pie BBQ Chicken Drumsticks Mixed Vegetable Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Flake-meal Biscuit and Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Chicken Fried Rice Chips/Mashed Pots Beans/Sweetcorn Pasta/Gravy Semolina and Fruit	Cheese and Tomato Chicken Crumble Sweetcorn and Peas Chips and Mashed Pots/Savoury Rice Shortbread Biscuit and Custard	Chicken Curry and Rice Cheese and Tomato Pizza Chips/Mashed/Pots Sweetcorn Pasta Swiss Roll and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Nuggets Chicken Wrap Chips/Mashed Potato Sweetcorn/Savoury Rice Pasta Apple Crumble and Custard
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Carrots and Peas Mashed Potato/Pasta/Gravy  Apple Crumble and Custard	Fish Fingers Cottage Pie Peas and Beans Mashed Pots/Pasta/ Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard	Roast Chicken/Stuffing Peas/Broccoli Mash Potato/Gravy Pasta Jelly and Fruit	Fish Fingers Grilled Bacon Beans/Peas Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Semolina and Fruit
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Curry and Rice Butchers Burgers Peas and Corn Pasta/Mashed Pots/Gravy Jelly / Fruit/Home-Made Biscuit	Roast Turkey and Stuffing Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Fruit Sponge and Custard	Pasta Bolognaise Butchers Burger Sweetcorn / Baked Beans Mash Potato Choc Sponge and Custard	Roast Turkey and Stuffing Cauliflower/Broccoli Mashed Potatoes/Pasta/Gravy Krispie Square and Custard
<b>Friday</b>	Home-made Vegetable/Chicken Soup Selection of Bread Hot Dog/Tuna Roll Salad	Chicken Nuggets Oven Baked Tuna Wrap Salad/Pasta Chips and Mashed Pots Frozen Mousse and Fruit	<b>SEPTEMBER MADNESS</b> Cocktail Sausages Mini Pizza/Chips Pasta/Mixed Salad Ice-Cream and Chocolate	Home-Made Veg or Chicken Soup Steak Burger and Bap Mixed Salad Cheese/Onions