



# St. Mary's Primary School

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

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## WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. From what we have already heard Santa Claus has had a very busy time and is probably having a well-earned rest after visiting all of the homes in and around Stewartstown.

Here's hoping for a safe, productive and rewarding term 2.

## Mass during Advent

Congratulations to our readers, altar servers, choir, musicians and Primary 1 class who sang too at mass in our final week of term 1. It really was a beautiful ceremony that celebrated the true essence of the advent season.

Thanks as well to the very talented Traditional Group who entertained Christmas shoppers at Newell Stores

The school received so many positive comments regarding their music!

Well done everyone!

## SCHOOL ENROLMENT

**Enrolment forms for children starting P1 next September are available from the school secretary. These need to be returned to the school before **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.****

**If you know of anyone that is considering sending their child to St. Mary's, please ask them to get in touch or log onto the school's website so that they can view our school, the facilities and the excellent provision we can offer.**

## No Snow .... Yet!

Thank Goodness for the mild weather on the run up to and over the Christmas break that all concerned were safe and sound. As always the school will apply its 'Extreme Weather policy' if snow comes our way! **Please make sure the mobile number registered with school is correct** and that you have received a text message from the school's text service in the recent past.

## BIRTHDAYS

James Robinson  
Michael Hughes  
Joseph Wylie  
Patrick Devlin  
Odhran Taggart  
Eimear Nixon  
Patrick Duffy  
Lucy Keogh  
Noah McElhatton



## Congratulations

To Labhaoise O'Neill and her family on their very special Christmas delivery of a beautiful baby sister – we wish them all well.

## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Please ensure that you have kept us up to date with any changes in your child's medication and ensured that children's inhalers (in school) are within expiry date. **If there have been any changes to contact numbers and or details, please do let us know.**

## Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star

We had an abundance of Christmas stars in the stage in the run up to Christmas and they really did themselves, their families and school very proud indeed. We were delighted with the turn out from Tiny Tots and from family and friends who were all well impressed with the acting, singing and musical abilities of the youngest in school. As Craig from 'Strictly come Dancing' would say they were 'Fabulous Darling!'

## KINDNESS

The theme in school this month is Family. With a New Year and a fresh start we hope that the children will also put their best efforts into their school work particularly their Literacy and Numeracy. Mrs Duffy's class will present the assembly on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January to mark the commencement of 'Catholic Schools Week

## Catholic Schools Week

'Families of Faith' is the theme of CSW this year where schools are urged to help children to be grateful for the families that support them: at home, at school, in their parish and their world family. We hope to celebrate mass in school, during the week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January in thanksgiving. Look out for further details on our website.

## School Website

We've had an ongoing hiccup with the School website and link to our social media accounts. I hope it has all been sorted, nevertheless it's always good to check in on the front page of the website to check out what has been going on in school. We have recently uploaded the super work completed by Mrs Hamill's class using ICT as part of their Shared Education classes. Please take the time to check out these interactive books (and the spectacular t-shirts) that they have made.

## FULL ATTENDANCE IN NOVEMBER 2017

*Well done to the 42 pupils who got a full attendance goodie bag and enjoyed a movie and popcorn treat in December. Overall the school's attendance rates for Term 1 was 96% Outcomes of class attendance for Term 1: September: Mrs McBride, October:*

*Mrs Duffy November: Mrs Hamill December: Mrs Duffy*

*Overall Term 1 winners are the pupils in Mrs Duffy's class*

Individual Pupil attendance is overall good – but there is always room for improvement.

100% Attendance	0 days missed per year	Excellent
98.5% Attendance	2.7 days missed per year	Good
95% Attendance	9 days missed per year	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 missed per year	Poor
85% Attendance	28 missed per year	Very Poor (EWO concern)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
8 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 begins
9 <sup>th</sup>	St Joseph's Donaghmore (P7 )
11 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Trinity talk to P7
16 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Trinity Taster Day (P7)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Bee Safe Programme
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Duffy's class assembly
29 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic School's Week commences

## Thanks

The teaching staff would like to thank parents for their positive comments and feedback passed on to them at our recent Parent and Teacher Meetings. Your kind words for the work being done are really appreciated!

## Local Post Primary Schools Visit

The P7 pupils will have the opportunity to listen to pupil's and staff views of their respective post primary schools during visits to our school during January

Application forms for P7 pupils transferring to their new school in September 2018 will be issued in the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please complete this form fully and return it to school by **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.

## TERM TWO SWIMMING

Swimming lessons begin again on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** for **Mr Reilly's** class at a cost of £3.00 per session.



# JANUARY SCHOOL MEALS



**IF A CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY PLEASE CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL/UNIT CATERING SUPERVISOR. MENU SUBJECT TO DELIVERIES**

	Week commencing:8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Week commencing:15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Week commencing;22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Week commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Monday</b>	Pasta Bolognaise Fish Fingers Peas/Carrots/Pasta Mashed Potato/Gravy Chocolate Muffin Cake and Custard	Irish Stew Butchers Burgers Peas/Carrots Mashed Potato/Pasta/Gravy Fruit Sponge Cake and Custard	Cottage Pie Barbecued Chicken Drumsticks Mixed Vegetable Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Flakemeal Biscuit and Fruit	Savoury Mince and Pasta Fish Fingers Peas/Carrots/Pasta Mashed Pots Gravy Jam Sponge and Custard
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cheese and Tomato Chicken Wraps Sweetcorn and Peas Chips and Mashed Pots/Savoury Rice Shortbread Biscuit and Custard	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish N Batter 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	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Chicken Fried Rice Chips/Mashed Pots Beans/sweetcorn Pasta/Gravy Semolina and fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Butchers Burgers 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	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Potato/Pasta/Gravy Apple Crumble and Custard
<b>Thursday</b>	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy  Fruit Sponge and Custard	Pasta Bolognaise Fish Fingers Sweetcorn Baked Beans Mash Potato Choc Sponge and Custard	Roast Turkey and Stuffing Cauliflower/Broccoli Mashed Potatoes/Pasta/Gravy Krispie Square and Custard	Chicken Curry and Rice Butchers Burger Peas/Carrots/ Mashed Pots and Gravy Jelly and Fruit
<b>Friday</b>	Chicken Nuggets Oven Baked Tuna Wrap Salad/Pasta Chips and Mashed Pots Frozen Mousse and Fruit	<b>JANUARY 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 Chocolate Cookie Milk Shake	Hot Dog/Tuna Roll Salad/Chips/Pasta Mashed Pots Gravy Ice-Cream /Wafer/Fruit

**FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE EACH DAY**