



St. Mary's Primary School

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Parents' Newsletter

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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 seventeen 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 thirteen new Primary one children who will be approaching us I'm sure with anticipation and hopefully some excitement. We look forward to welcoming them and another new family of three 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 Canavan: Traditional Music, Jim McKeown: Drama, Stephen McCann, Healthy Kidz, Keith Ruddell: Swimming and Shirley Walker: Piano.

We bid a fond farewell and grateful thanks to tutors who will not be returning to us in September 2018, Ciaran Sharkey: Gaelic skills programme and Mrs Bronagh Bryans & Siobhan Comac: School Orchestra & Violin tuition.

We extend thanks to all of the staff who helped us with our Extended School's activities, the drumming programme, Shared Education activities, the 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 thank you from all the staff at St Mary's

Parents Have your Say

Please view the school website – **Parent section** where you will find a 'Consultation Page' this page has a short questionnaire about our after schools' provision for 2018-19 school year. Please take time to complete the questionnaire. The section is password protected for parents from St Mary's, please use password: '**Parentsabc**' to access the

How Proud we all were!

First Communion was celebrated on Saturday 19th 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, Clodagh O'Neill, Fr Seery and Packy Coyle for all of their help and support in ensuring the ceremony ran smoothly. In addition, we are very grateful to St Mary's Parochial Hall Committee and our Parent who supported us on the day we really couldn't have done it without their help. Professional photographs taken on the day of the group are available to order from Patricia, the school secretary and to view online at

www.pinevillaphotography.com

AWAY FOR THE DAY

As the end of term approaches the annual school trip have been planned as a joint effort this year. The total cost including hot lunch will be £15.

We are off to 'GR8' in Castleblaney on **Thursday 21st June**. We will leave at 9:15 prompt and return at 4pm.

Please return the reply slip issued as soon as possible.

Final June Assembly

Mr Reilly's P7 leavers will be celebrating their last day at Primary school with a special school leavers mass on **Wednesday 27th June** at 10am followed by their leavers assembly at 2:15pm.

We wish this 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.

Birthdays Celebrations in June

Edel Skeffington
Lynette Cullen
Caolan Hamill
James Coyle
Paige O'Neill
Connor Nixon
Mason Jeffers
Mckenzie Heron
Eve Dillon
Nikol Melohina
Austeja Gillen

SPORTING DAY OUT FOR ALL

The annual **Sports Day** will take place on **Wednesday 6th June**. The fun will start at 9:45am.

The children's menu that day will be burger & chips and visitors will be able to avail of this menu at the same time as the children – no long wait this year! Tea & biscuits will be available during the day as well as the much looked forward to coke and crisps shop!

Children to come to school dressed in comfortable sports-wear and suitable footwear. Please have the children well covered in protective suncream, a hat and with a water bottle.

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 Wednesday **13th June at 9:30am**. Invites have already been issued and we are hoping for a good turn out.

School Uniform

School uniform is available from the usual outlets – at Frank McGirr's shop Coalisland and online at Tesco Uniform, enter the school postcode to locate the school. Please note black shoes remain school uniform policy throughout the school year.

Orchestra Recital

The P4 and 5 pupils along with the P6 and 8 individual viola and violin pupils performed for their parents and families on Thursday 17th May where they showcased all the skills developed in their year-long 'Musical Pathways Project', it was amazing to listen to how they had progressed in such a short time. Sadly, this is one of programmes that we will be unable to provide in the 2018-19 school year. Intermediate tuition is available however at Dungannon Teachers' Centre. Please contact the secretary for an application form.

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	School Holiday
6 th	Sports day some day this week
12 th	Whole school to see Mary Poppins - Brocagh PS Play @ Craic Theatre
13 th	New Parents Welcome Meeting
21 st	End of Year school Trip
27 th	End of Year School Mass @10am
29 th	School Closes Summer term @ 11 am

School reopens For Term 1

Monday 3rd September 2018

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations and best wishes to two families on their new arrivals- to **Clodagh Smith** on her new baby brother and to **Dara and Oisín Bleeks** on their new baby brother too! Busy times ahead in both homes.



JUNE SCHOOL MEALS



	Week commencing 4 th June	Week commencing 11 th June	Week Commencing 18 th June	Week commencing: 25 th June
Monday	Savoury Mince and Pasta Fish Fingers Peas/Carrots/Gravy Pasta and Mashed Pots Shortbread and Custard	Barbequed Chicken Drumsticks Savoury Mince Turnip/Peas/Pasta Mashed Pots/Gravy Chocolate Muffin and Custard	Grilled Bacon Fish Fingers Peas/Turnip/Pasta Mashed Pots/Gravy Semolina and F	Pasta Bolognaise Butchers Burger Carrots/Peas Pasta/Mashed Pots/Gravy Flakemeal Biscuit/Fruit/Custard
Tuesday	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Broccoli and Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Rice Pudding and Peaches	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish n Crumbs Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Peas and Corn Pancake and Fruit	Home-made Chicken/Veg Soup Selection of Bread Butchers Burger and Bap Salad and Cheese Jelly and Fruit	Pizza /Chips Lasagne Peas/Corn/Coleslaw Mashed Pots/Gravy Artic Roll and Fruit
Wednesday	SPORTS DAY MENU Burger and Bap OR Cocktail Sausages Chips Selection of Salad Jelly and Fruit	Cottage Pie Cheese and Tomato Pizza Beans/Peas /Pasta Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Chocolate Cookie and Custard	Pizza Chilli Chicken Wrap Beans/Peas/Pasta Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard and Fruit	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish in Crumbs Beans /Peas Mashed Pots/ Gravy Fruit Sponge and Custard
Thursday	Pizza Chicken Wraps Peas/Beans Pasta/Pots/Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard	Roast Ham and Stuffing Chicken Wrap Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Gravy/Pasta Jelly and Fruit	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Broccoli and Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Krispie Square and Custard	Chicken Nuggets/Chips Tuna Roll Mixed Salad/Pasta Pots/Gravy Fairly Cake/Fruit/Custard
Friday	Home-made Veg and Chicken Soup Selection of Bread Hot Dog Salad/Cheese Frozen Mousse and Fruit	Chicken Nuggets/Chips Tuna Wraps Mixed Salad/Pasta Corn/Pots/Gravy Artic Roll and Fruit	SUMMER MADNESS Cocktail Sausages Mini Pizza Chips/Mashed Pots/Pasta Frozen Mousse and Fruit	SCHOOL CLOSED

Milk & Water available daily

Fruit and Yoghurt and Bread available daily

Menu subject to deliveries

If a child has an allergy, please contact Mrs Hamill or Anne Marie Campbell, Unit Catering Supervisor