



St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

## Parent Information - December 2021

### PTA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

We are holding a Christmas Movie Night for all children (P1 – P7) on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 6.00 – 8.00pm**. Children can come to school in their pyjamas and bring a pillow/teddy – all snacks will be provided.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

We had asked that all children, before next Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> December), bring in a Christmas Top, which will be kept in school until the end of this term. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on their jumper.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page & school website for the '*St Mary's Alternative 2021 Christmas Show*'

### CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

Usually by now we are getting very excited for our annual trip to the Grand Opera House .... yet another event that has fallen foul of COVID!!!! But not to be outdone we have planned an '*alternative*' surprise for our children. We are bringing the Pantomime to St Mary's and on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December will be having our 2021 Christmas Party and watching the Online Pantomime 'Little Red'. This will also be a non-uniform day and children can wear their Christmas Jumpers today as well.

### OPEN MORNINGS

We hope to be able to invite our prospective Primary One parents to an Open Morning on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. More details to follow.

The application process for Primary School & Nursery Unit is completed online. Please note that the children already attending St Mary's Nursery Unit who hope to return for a second year **MUST ALSO APPLY** for a pre-school place.

Information regarding the admissions procedure and admissions criteria will be published on the EA website ([www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)) on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 12noon  
the online application procedure opens on the EA website  
[www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)  
to apply for a funded Pre-school place/Primary One place  
in September 2022.**

The online portal closes at 12noon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## **'ALTERNATIVE' CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a non-uniform day and the children can wear their Christmas Jumper (which will already be in school). School will close after lunch at:

1.00pm	-	P1, P2, P3, P4
1.15pm	-	P5, P6, P7

Please ensure if you want your child/children to have the Christmas lunch, that their Menu is completed and returned to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS & PRESENTS**

As reported in the PTA Newsletter this year we are requesting that instead of buying teacher presents you consider making a donation to 'School Funds'. These will be completely anonymous and of no set value but will help to provide funds for new IT equipment for St Mary's.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX COLLECTION**

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our annual charity. This year we collected 64 shoeboxes which will be distributed to those who are most in need this Christmas.

## **ST MARY'S WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE**

Please remember to regularly check our website – [www.stmaryspscushendall.com](http://www.stmaryspscushendall.com) and Facebook Page to keep up to date with everything that's going on in our Primary School and Nursery Unit.

## **CAR PARKING AT THE SCHOOL GATE**

Could all parents please observe the No Parking lines at the school gate. It is becoming increasingly dangerous for the children crossing the road. Please park your car and come and collect your children at the school gate. As always please adhere to the Social Distancing Guidelines and ensure you wear a face covering. Thanks for your co-operation in keeping our children and staff safe.

## **EMAIL**

Please ensure we have your most up to date contact information on file and continue to regularly check your emails (including junk folder), ALL CORRESPONDENCE will be sent to you via email at this time.

As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child/children please feel free to contact me at any time.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Christmas Movie Night – 6.00 – 8.00pm
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Daily Mile Santa Run.  
Children can wear Christmas Hats / Jumpers
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Party Day & Pantomime.  
Children can wear Christmas Jumpers
- Wednesday 15<sup>h</sup> December** - Christmas Dinner – School Closing at:  
1.00pm - P1, P2, P3, P4  
1.15pm - P5, P6, P7  
NO AFTERNOON NURSERY SESSION
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - End of term - Primary School and Nursery Unit will close at:  
11.00am - P1, P2, P3, P4  
11.15am - P5, P6, P7  
NO AFTERNOON NURSERY SESSION
- There will be no kitchen facilities on 22<sup>nd</sup> December,  
Children should bring their own snack for morning break.**
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021** - New Term begins

*Mrs Helen Magee*  
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