



# St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

## Parent Information – February 2022



**Dear Parent / Guardian**

### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Next Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March we are celebrating 'World Book Day', as part of the fun planned for the day, children can come dressed as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book with them. Please do not go to any expense buying outfits for the day. Uniform must be worn if children not dressing up.

### **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Telephone interviews are scheduled to take place during the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please remember to complete and return the slip to your child's teacher if you would like a telephone call.

### **ST PATRICK'S DAY**

Everyone is asked to wear something green on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March as we celebrate St Patrick's Day in school. Children can wear one green thing or come completely dressed in green. It's up to you! The day is a non-uniform day and fun activities will take place during the day.

### **FIRST CONFESSION**

Children in Primary 3 will be making their First Confession in the Church on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. Further details will be sent home at a later date.

### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

Can I please remind you to keep checking your SEESAW account as this is being used as a main form of communication by your child's teacher.

Also your MATHSEEDS/MATHLETICS program is a numeracy resource – which the school pays a yearly subscription for – teachers set regular compulsory homework on these platforms and we ask that your child makes every effort to complete these tasks.

Should anyone need any help accessing any of these online resources please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance.

### **ANNUAL EASTER EGG ROLLING FUN**

As yet, no date has been set but it will definitely be held during the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – the week we get our Easter holidays. Children wishing to take part in our 'Easter Egg Roll' are asked to paint a hard-boiled egg and bring it to school on the day, we will let you know the date when we have an idea of the weather forecast for that week.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM & OUTDOOR CLOTHING:**

Can everyone please make sure all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name and class? Please ensure your child brings a coat (with hood or a hat) to school every day. We often walk to Mass or complete lessons outdoors regardless of the weather. Children can wear a fleece during class if they wish.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

**In the interests of everyone's safety can we please ask all adults and children to use the small gate when going to and from school and not to use the car park gate at any time**

### PARKING AT THE SCHOOL GATE

**It is very important that everyone remembers not to park on the yellow lines outside the small gate at any time! The markings are there to help keep everyone safe and we really don't want anyone to have an accident.**

### HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Just a little reminder that 'Healthy Lunch Box Day' is every day. It is great to see many children bringing fruit yoghurts, jelly, custard and fruit instead of chocolate snacks or crisps. Children can bring a small treat in their lunchbox on a Friday.

### WATER IN SCHOOL

Children MUST drink ONLY WATER in school. Diluted Juice is NOT ALLOWED in water bottles.

### ABSENTEEISM

If your child is absent from school, please contact the office before 10.00am. On return to school your child must have a note to explain their absence. This is an Educational Welfare Office regulation.

### SCHOOL BUS

If your child only uses the bus occasionally you are asked to let the school know at the start of that day. Children will not be allowed to go on the bus unless their name is on our list or we have been contacted by parents/guardians.

### GAELFAST HURLING

We are delighted to welcome Antrim GAA Gaelfast coach Dominic McKinley back to St Mary's. Dominic will be here every Friday from 25<sup>th</sup> March until the end of the summer term, coaching the P1 – P7 children. Everyone should wear their sports gear to school each Friday and if your child has their own hurl and helmet they should bring these also, please ensure that everything is clearly marked with your child's name.

### CONFIRMATION

P7 pupils will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. Further details will follow at a later date.  
Information Forms will be sent home soon which parents should complete and return to school as soon as possible.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion for our P4 children will take place on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. Further details will follow at a later date.

### UPDATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

Just to remind you of the updated closures - the Primary School & Nursery Unit will be closed from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The updated calendar is available on the school website [www.stmaryspscushendall.com](http://www.stmaryspscushendall.com)

## **CLOSURE DUE TO BAD WEATHER**

Hopefully this will not happen but if it does everyone will be sent a text message from the school or information will be posted on the BBC NI News/School Closures website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ninews>. We will also post updates on our Website and Facebook pages.

## **ST MARY'S PS & NURSERY WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGES**

Please remember to check out our Website: [www.stmaryspscushendall.com](http://www.stmaryspscushendall.com) & Facebook page for updates, photographs, dinner menus and all information regarding St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	P1 Health Appraisals
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First Confessions – Primary 3
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays (please note on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April PS will close at 11.00am & there will be no Afternoon Nursery Session)
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Confirmation – Primary 7
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	First Holy Communion – Primary 4
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Jubilee Bank Holiday
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Last day of School / Nursery for the 21-22 school year. (PS will close at 11.00am & there will be no Afternoon Nursery Session)

As always please ensure we have your most up to date contact information on file and continue to regularly check your emails (including junk folder), our website [www.stmaryspscushendall.com](http://www.stmaryspscushendall.com) and Facebook page. It is also important to inform us if you have changed address so our records are accurate.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or email [info@stmarysps.cushendall.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmarysps.cushendall.ni.sch.uk).

The majority of our correspondence with you will now be via email so it is vital that you regularly check for new information.

Many thanks for your continued support over this past year and we look forward to more normal times ahead.

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