

St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall Parent Information – January 2022

OPEN ENROLMENT 2022-2023:

Primary One September 2022: <u>Children born on or between 2 July 2017 & 1 July 2018</u>.

Nursery September 2022: Target Age: <u>Children born on or between 2 July 2018 & 1 July 2019.</u> Under Age: <u>Children born on or between 2 July 2019 & 1 July 2020.</u>

The EA Application Process for applying for Pre-School & Primary 1 new admissions is an online system. The online portal <u>https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions</u> is now open and will close at 12noon on **Friday 28th January 2022.** If you require any help please feel to contact the school at any time. Supporting Documentation should be uploaded to the Admissions Portal by 12noon on Friday 4th February 2022.

ADMISSION TO POST PRIMARY EDUCATION 2022-2023:

The EA Application Process for applying for a Post-Primary place is also an online system. The online portal https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions will open on at 12noon on Tuesday 1st February 2022 and close at 4pm on Wednesday 23rd February 2022. If you require any help please feel to contact the school at any time.

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;
- use the front door when going to and from school if there is snow or ice and <u>not</u> go across the main playground.

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:

All children are encouraged to drink water during the school day and drinking water is available in all classrooms. Some children already bring in their own bottle, please ensure that it is filled with water only, diluted juice or fizzy drinks are not allowed. Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school every day.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PREPARATION:

Catholic Schools week is Thursday 23rd – 30th January 2022, on the theme 'Living Life to the Full'. The children will be completing activities in school during this week.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:

Should you wish to raise a concern about the welfare of any child at the school the procedures which should be followed are attached.

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 <u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/ninews</u>. 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: <u>www.stmaryspscushendall.com</u> & Facebook page for updates, photographs, dinner menus and all information regarding St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Mrs Helen Magee Príncípal

HOW A PARENT CAN REGISTER A CONCERN / MAKE A COMPLAINT



If I am still concerned, I can contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman Tel: 0800 343 424