



## St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall Parent Information – January 2024

### OPEN ENROLMENT 2024-2025:

**Primary One September 2024:** Children born on or between 2 July 2019 & 1 July 2020.

**Nursery September 2024: Target Age:** Children born on or between 2 July 2020 & 1 July 2021.

**Under Age:** Children born on or between 2 July 2019 & 1 July 2020.

The EA Application Process for applying for Pre-School & Primary 1 new admissions is an online system. The online portal <https://www.eani.org.uk/admissions> is now open and will close at 12noon on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. If you require any help please feel to contact the school at any time. Supporting Documentation should be uploaded to the Admissions Portal by 4pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

### ADMISSION TO POST PRIMARY EDUCATION 2024-2025:

The EA Application Process for applying for a Post-Primary place is also an online system. School Admissions Criteria can now be found on the online portal <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> and the online application will open on at 12noon on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and close at 12noon on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. If you require any help please feel to contact the school at any time.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PREPARATION:

**Catholic Schools week is 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**, on the theme 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Service'. The children will be completing activities in school during this week.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**, is our Grandparents' Assembly at 1.00pm in the Primary School Assembly Hall. Everyone is welcome to visit their grandchildren in their classes. This has always been a lovely day in school and we hope everyone will be able to be represented. (Invites have been sent home with the children regarding this)

### FOUNDATION STAGE PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS:

Parent/Teacher meetings for Primaries 1, 2 & 3 will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Primary School will be closing for all pupils, following lunch at 12.30pm on these days.

### 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 not 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.

### 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 <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 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	St Brigid's Day – All PS children attending Mass
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Cumann na mBunscol KS1 Fun Blitz
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Primary School closing at 12.30pm for <b>all</b> pupils P1 – P3 Parent / Teacher Meetings.
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February PS will close at 11.00am & there will be no Afternoon Nursery Session
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Mid Term Break PS & Nursery Unit Closed
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Cumann na mBunscol KS2 Fun Blitz
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	SUSTRANS 'Ditch The Stablisers' Day P1 – P3
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	First Confessions at 1.00pm – Primary 3
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays ( <i>please note on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March PS will close at 11.00am &amp; there will be no Afternoon Nursery Session</i> )
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Cumann na mBunscol Outdoor Blitz KS1
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Cumann na mBunscol Outdoor Blitz KS2
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Holiday
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Cumann na mBunscol Outdoor Hurling Blitz
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	First Holy Communion at 11.00am– Primary 4
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Confirmation at 1.00pm– Primary 7
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Cumann na mBunscol Skills Day
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Last day of School / Nursery for the 23-24 school year. ( <i>please note PS will close at 11.00am &amp; there will be no Afternoon Nursery Session</i> )

*Mrs Helen Magee  
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# HOW A PARENT CAN REGISTER A CONCERN / MAKE A COMPLAINT

