

St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

Parent Information – November 2023



THE DAILY MILE SANTA RUN

The Daily Mile Network is inviting schools & early years settings from across Northern Ireland to join their Santa run event to celebrate The Daily Mile. We will be doing our Santa Run Daily Mile on Thursday 30th November – children can wear their Christmas clothes.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING – EVERYONE WELCOME

Thursday 7th December 2023 - 9.30am – 10.30am

All parents and children due to start Primary School in September 2024 are invited to come into school to see what we can offer your child. You will be able to see what a normal school day looks like for our pupils.

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) on Tuesday 12th December 2023.

**On Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 12noon
the online application procedure opens on the EA website
www.eani.org.uk/admissions
to apply for a funded Pre-School place/Primary One place
in September 2024.**

The online portal closes at 12noon on Friday 26th January 2024.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME TRIP

Any outstanding money due for your child(ren) to go to the Pantomime should be paid as soon as possible. A consent form for our trip to the Riverside Theatre in Coleraine on Wednesday 13th December, is being sent home with every child this week. Please ensure all forms are completed and returned to your child's teacher on/before Wednesday 30th November.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

This year we are having a change of venue for our Annual Christmas Show. It will be held in **St Mary's Church** on **Wednesday 20th December at 6.30pm**. (Class will end at 1.00pm for all classes on Wednesday 20th December.) Everyone is welcome to attend. A voluntary donation will be collected at the Church door for School Funds.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Friday 15th December. This will be a non-uniform day and children can wear Christmas Jumpers if they wish. School will close after lunch at 1.15p.m

ST MARY'S WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

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

COOL CASH FRIDAY DRAW

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising venture and we encourage everyone to continue to support our draw. We have changed the draw format slightly, moving to a monthly draw. The envelopes are now available in various local business' as well from the children in school. The 'Cool Cash Friday' envelopes will be sent home monthly to each family on a Thursday with the weekly menu. If you require additional envelopes, these are available from the school office.

Can we remind everyone that only £1 should be put into each envelope but you can enter as many envelopes as you wish each month. All envelopes should be returned by 3pm on a Thursday as the draw takes place on the last Friday morning of each month. Late envelopes will be carried into the following months draw.

CAR PARKING AT THE SCHOOL GATE

Thank you observing the No Parking lines at the school gate, they are there to make it safer for the children crossing the road. Please park your car and come and collect your children at the school gate. Can I also remind ALL PARENTS/CARERS & CHILDREN that NO-ONE should be entering or exiting the school via the top carpark entrance. **This entrance is for vehicles only.** Thanks for your co-operation in keeping our children safe.

RECYCLING BIN

Please remember we have a Blue Recycling Bin located in the Staff Carpark just inside the school gates. All money raised goes towards School Funds. We appreciate all your donations, Thank you.

We accept:

Men's Clean Clothing
Women's Clean Clothing
Children's Clean Clothing
Paired shoes
Handbags
Belts
Curtains
Bed linen

We cannot accept:

Dirty or wet clothing
Single shoes
Off cuts of material
Duvets or Pillows
Carpets or rugs
Uniforms

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 30 th November	-	Daily Mile Santa Run
Wednesday 6 th December	-	Christmas Movie night at 6.00pm.
Thursday 7 th December	-	Primary School Open Day 9.30-10.30am – Enrolment September 2024
Wednesday 13 th December	-	School Pantomime Trip
Friday 15 th December	-	Christmas Dinner – School Closing at 1.15pm
Wednesday 20 th December	-	Christmas Show @ 6.30pm School Closing at 1.00pm for all pupils
Thursday 21 st December	-	End of term (Primary School and Nursery Unit will close at 11.00a.m.)
Thursday 4 th January	-	New Term begins for all pupils
Tuesday 9 th January	-	Primary One & Nursery Enrolment 2024 - Application process opens at 12noon on EA website https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

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

Mrs Helen Magee
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