

St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

Parent Information – November 2022



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

It's hard to believe we are talking about Christmas already! This year we are supporting the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queens University Christmas Homeless Shoebox Appeal. A flyer is attached to this newsletter giving all details required.

We have always had a fantastic response in the past for our Shoebox Appeals and we hope to continue to this. We encourage all our St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit community to take part and other family members, friends or neighbours are welcome to donate also.

All shoeboxes should be brought to school on / before **Wednesday 30th November 2022**.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

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 Tuesday 6th December, is being sent home with every child next week. Please ensure all forms are completed and returned to your child's teacher on/before Wednesday 30th November?

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING – EVERYONE WELCOME

Thursday 8th December 2022 - 11.00am – 12noon

All parents and children due to start Primary School in September 2023 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 13th December 2022.

**On Tuesday 10th January 2023 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 2023.**

The online portal closes at 12noon on Friday 27th January 2023.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

This year our Annual Christmas Show will be held on **Tuesday 13th December at 1.30pm.** & **Wednesday 14th December, at 6.30pm.** (Class will end at 1.00pm for all classes on Wednesday.) As in previous years these will be 'Ticket Only' shows. A letter will be sent home soon regarding tickets sales.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 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. If you want your child/children to have the Christmas lunch, please fill in the slip attached and give it to your child's teacher on/before next Friday 18th November, alternatively you can send an email to info@stmarysps.cushendall.ni.sch.uk, as this will help the kitchen staff to plan for the correct numbers

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'S

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising venture and we encourage everyone to continue to support our weekly draw.

'Cool Cash Friday' envelopes will be sent home 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 week. All envelopes should be returned by 3pm on a Thursday as the weekly draw takes place on a Friday morning. Late envelopes will be carried into the following weeks draw.

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. 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

Wednesday 30 th November	-	Last date to return Christmas Appeal Shoeboxes
Tuesday 6 th December	-	School Pantomime Trip
Thursday 8 th December	-	Primary School Open Day – Enrolment September 2023
Tuesday 13 th December	-	Christmas Show @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	-	Christmas Show @ 6.30pm School Closing at 1.00pm for all pupils
Thursday 15 th December	-	Christmas Dinner – School Closing at 1.15pm
Thursday 22 nd December	-	End of term (Primary School and Nursery Unit will close at 11.00a.m.)
Tuesday 10 th January 2023	-	Primary One & Nursery Enrolment 2023 - 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
Principál



CHRISTMAS DINNER REPLY SLIP

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP or email to info@stmarysps.cushendall.ni.sch.uk ON/BEFORE FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022

I would like my child / children to have Christmas lunch on 15th December 2022

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

NB: Please do not send money with this reply slip.

Christmas Dinner can be ordered in the usual way on Monday 12th December and is the same price - £2.60