



# St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

## Parent Information – October 2022

### NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Mass to celebrate the beginning of our new school year for our Primary School children and staff and their families will take place in **St Mary's Church** at **1.00pm** on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. **The children P1-P7 should be collected from the Church at 1.30pm**. (Everyone will be walking from school to the Church so please ensure your child brings a coat in case of wet weather). Children who are taking lunch are asked to bring their lunch in a disposable bag as schoolbags and lunchboxes will be left in school overnight.

### MAROON & WHITE DAY

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit are having a Maroon and White Day to wish the Ruairí Óg Senior Hurlers Good Luck in their County Senior Hurling Final on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

If your child wants to take part they can wear their Maroon & White colours and we might even have some special visitors at St Mary's on the day.

### FLU VACCINATION

The school nursing service will be coming to St Mary's on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October to carry out the Annual Flu Vaccinations. If you have not returned your Child Health Form envelope which was sent home with every child last month, please do so immediately.

### PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS

**Parent/Teacher Meetings for all children Primary 1 – Primary 7 will take place on**

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	-	2.00pm – 4.00pm

Appointment letters will be sent home this week.

**N.B. There will be NO BUTTERFLY CLUB on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

### PARENT HELPER REQUEST

Are you (parent/grandparent/other relative/carer) available to help supervise children on outings in the local community or on school trips? If you are able to help in any way, please contact the school as soon as possible as we really do need your help. All our helpers who would like to fill in an Access NI form can contact the school office at any time. It is essential that anyone who helps out with school trips or provides transport to various school events are vetted annually. I would encourage as many helpers as possible to fill in the form as soon as possible.

N.B. Thank you to everyone who helped us last year. If you are able to help again this year please contact the school office.

## HEALTHY EATING

Can I remind everyone that as part of our school policy, children are asked to bring a healthy option for Morning Break, i.e. fruit, vegetable pieces, scones/sandwiches (with non-sweet filling), milk or water. Please do not send crisps, fizzy drinks etc.

Only water is permitted in the children's drinking bottles that are used in the classroom for during the school day. If your child wishes to have cordial with their lunch that is permitted.

Thank you to everyone for your co-operation with our Dinner/Break system. Just to remind everyone that the dinner/break menu is sent home on a Thursday. A Menu sheet should be completed for each child and then placed, along with the correct money, in an individual envelope, sealed and labelled, with the correct money and placed in the allocated tray in their classroom on the following Monday. The menu will also be uploaded to our Website.

## TEST TEXT MESSAGE

A text message was sent to each household on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. If your nominated number did not receive this message, please contact the school office immediately. (Please note that each household can only have one nominated number to receive a text message).

## HALLOWEEN FUN

👻 **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October** children are allowed to come to school in fancy dress. We are asking for a £2 contribution from all children which will go towards our Hallowe'en fun morning. Can we please ask that no one wears a clown outfit of any description as we are aware they can cause distress to young children. The welfare of all of our children is paramount and I hope you will support us in this decision.

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	New School Year Mass
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu Vaccination Maroon & White Day
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent / Teacher Meetings 2.00pm – 4.00pm
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Hallowe'en Holidays – School will close at 1.00p.m. There will be no Afternoon Nursery Session today. Primary School & Nursery Unit will re-open on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November.

Please remember that all updates will be provided through our school website – [www.stmaryspscushendall.com](http://www.stmaryspscushendall.com) and Facebook page.

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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