



# St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

## Parent Information – April 2019

### SUSTRANS BIG PEDAL

This is the second week of our SUSTRANS BIG PEDAL. Well done to everyone who has walked, cycled or scooted to school.

### WALK TO SCHOOL DAYS

Our 'Walk To School Day' for this month will take place, weather permitting, on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. As always, it would be great to see as many children, parents and carers as possible joining in and the usual supervision arrangements apply.

*DAILY MILE – this initiative has been a huge success – all of our children and staff are really enjoying the benefits of their 15 minute walk/run every lunchtime. The majority of the children are now able to run around the school for the entire 15 minutes.*

*HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES – Can I remind everyone that the Healthy Lunchbox has now been introduced daily. Please support us in giving our children an overall improved healthy lifestyle.*

### FIRST CONFESSION

Children in Primary 3 will be making their First Confession in the Church on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00a.m.** Children should come to school in the usual way on the 9<sup>th</sup> and wear their school uniform. Parents and other family members are asked to be in the Church for 10.50a.m. Seats will be reserved for each child and details will be sent home at a later date. Parents may take children out for a treat afterwards if they want and return them to school in time for lunch at 12.30p.m.

### SPONSORED EVENTS FOR CHARITY

It's almost Easter and, as in previous years, we will be having sponsored events for charity during Lent with all funds raised being donated to Trocaire and another charity nominated by the school. This year we have chosen the **Cystic Fibrosis Trust**. *One of our staff members will be running in the Belfast Marathon on 5<sup>th</sup> May to help raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis, which sadly affects a family member. The charity is working towards finding a cure to help everyone with CF.*

Sponsor forms will be sent home with every child next week and the sponsored events will be held during the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### EASTER EGG ROLLING FUN

Because this has been such a hit with the children in previous years we have decided it should become a regular part of our Easter events. Children wishing to take part are asked to paint a hard-boiled egg and bring it to school. As yet, no date has been set but it definitely be held during the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – the week we get our Easter holidays. We will let you know the date when we have an idea of the weather forecast for that week.

### TERM 3 MILK MONEY

The amount due for Term 3 is **£7.60**. Money should be paid on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**. *NB: Please ensure you send the correct money with your child and milk, dinner and break monies must be in separate amounts for each child. We would greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter. (Please do not send cheques for milk/dinner money.)*

### IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	-	First Confession at 11.00a.m. (Primary 3 children)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Easter Holidays / School & Nursery close at 11.00a.m.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	-	New Term Begins
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> April	-	P1 Health Appraisals
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Swimming Lessons begin for P6 & P7
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	-	Elections – Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	-	Outdoor Camogie Blitz - Loughguile
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	-	School Holiday – Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Outdoor Hurling Blitz - Dunloy
	-	Service of Light – Primary 7 children during 7.30pm Mass
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	-	Confirmation 4.00p.m. (Primary 7 children)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Staff Development Day - Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	-	School Holiday – Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	-	St Killian's Assessment Day (P7 children transferring to St Killian's Sept 2019)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Grow in Love Workshop (P7 children)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	-	GAA Skills Day - Glenariffe
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	-	First Holy Communion 11.00am (Primary 4 children)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	-	St Killian's Transition Project (P6 children)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Sports Day (Weather Permitting) – Date to be confirmed asap
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Streetwise (P7 children)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	-	P7 Assembly & Leavers Mass at 1.30pm (P1 – P6 Home at 12.45pm today)

***Mrs Helen Magee***  
***Principal***