



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CUSHENDALL
PARENT INFORMATION – DECEMBER 2018**

OPEN MORNINGS

All parents and children due to start Primary School or Nursery in September 2019, are invited to come and see what we can offer your child at St Mary's. We look forward to seeing you then.

ST MARY'S NURSERY UNIT - WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER - 9.30-10.30AM

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER - 10.30-11.30AM

** Please note there will be no morning session for our current nursery children on Wednesday 5th December but the afternoon session will be as usual **

ENROLMENT TO ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT – SEPTEMBER 2019

On Wednesday 2nd January 2019 information will be published on EA website www.eani.org.uk about applying for a funded pre-school place/primary one place in September 2019.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our school Christmas lunch is on Friday 14th December and is a non-uniform day. School will close at 1.00p.m. Lunch costs £2.60 and tickets can be bought in the usual way. If you have not already done so, please let us know if your child intends to take their Christmas Dinner. This is vital so the kitchen staff can plan for the day.

'WALK TO SCHOOL' DAYS

Our usual timetable for 'Walk to School' Days is the second and fourth Friday of every month. So this means we will only have one day this month on Friday 14th – we hope everyone will be able to join in!

CHRISTMAS SHOW

Once again there has been a big demand for tickets and the evening show is sold out. There are still some tickets available for the afternoon show and these can be bought at the secretary's office.

**NB ** Admission to our Christmas Shows will be strictly by ticket only **
please remember to bring your ticket with you.**

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT 1.30PM. - Doors open at 1.10p.m.

Children will be supervised in their classroom when their play is over. Parents who want to collect their children can collect them from classrooms at approx. 3.00pm.

N.B. Can parents of those children who usually go home on the bus please make arrangements to have their children collected as we cannot guarantee the Show will be over in time for the bus at 2.50pm?

THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER AT 6.30PM – Doors open at 6.00p.m. (Class will end at 2.00p.m. for all classes on Thursday.)

All pupils are asked to come wearing their costumes and be in school at 6.00p.m. During the show children will be supervised in classrooms and everyone can be collected from their rooms at 8.00pm.

*Unfortunately, pupils cannot join their parents in the hall during either show as space is very limited.

PHOTOGRAPHS/CHILD PROTECTION

Parents should be aware that the school has no control over photographs which may be taken by members of the audience during the Christmas Show. However, in the interests of child protection no parent should post photographs which include children other than their own on any form of social media.

P.T.A. CHRISTMAS DRAW

Our PTA are organising their annual 'Buy A Line' Christmas raffle and sheets have been sent home with the children. All returns should be given to your child's teacher on/before Monday 10th December as the draw will take place after our Christmas Show on Thursday 13th December. Anyone who would like an extra page can collect it from the office at any time.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Everyone is invited to join us for our Carol Service in the church on **Tuesday 18th December** at 7.00p.m. Children in P1-7 are asked to wear their school uniform and sit with their class at the front of the church. (Children should try to be in their seats at 6.45p.m.) It would be fantastic if everyone in the community was able to come along and join us – parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours are all very welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & CHRISTMAS DISCO

The last uniform day this term is Wednesday 19th December. Thursday 20th is our Christmas disco and is a non-uniform day. Primary 1 & Primary 2 children will be in school until 3.00pm and can be collected from the Infant Entrance as usual. Admission is £1/child and this includes face paints, juice and biscuits.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

A consent form for our trip to the Opera House in Belfast on 9th January is being sent home with every child this week. Can all forms be filled in and returned to your child's teacher on/before next Tuesday 11th December?

FACEBOOK PERMISSION SLIPS

Can I please ask anyone who has not returned a permission slip to do so immediately? If you have mislaid your letter sent home last month a copy can be obtained from the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER - SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED

(Staff Development Day)

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| Tuesday 18 th December | - | Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 7pm – Everyone welcome |
| Thursday 20 th December | - | Christmas Disco - Non-Uniform Day, Admission £1/child |
| Friday 21 st December | - | End of Term - School & Nursery class ends at 11.00a.m. |
| Wednesday 2 nd January | - | 2019 Primary & Nursery Enrolment Information goes live on EA website www.eani.org.uk |
| Monday 7 th January 2019 | - | New Term Begins - Primary School and Nursery Unit |
| Wednesday 9 th January 2019 | - | Whole School Trip to Pantomime in Belfast |
| Wednesday 22 nd May 2019 | - | Confirmation 4.00pm. (P7 pupils) |
| Saturday 8 th June 2019 | - | First Holy Communion 11.00am. (P4 pupils) |

Mrs Helen Magee
Principal