



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

Catholic Schools Week: Everyone will have received letters last week telling you about what we have planned for next week. On Tuesday, from 11.00a.m. to 12 noon, grandparents, parents and other adults are invited into school to help the children make St Brigid's crosses. Wednesday is our Grandparents' Morning beginning with Mass in the Church at 10.00a.m. followed by refreshments in the school hall and then everyone is welcome to visit their grandchildren in their classes. This has always been a lovely morning in school and we hope everyone will be able to be represented.

- Can I make a further appeal for adult helpers to help supervise the children on their walk back to school? If you can help please send your name into your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Meetings for parents of children in Primaries 1, 2 & 3 to discuss academic progress will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 6 th February	2.00p.m. – 3.00p.m. (Primaries 1-3)
Wednesday 7 th February	2.00p.m. – 3.00p.m. (Primaries 1-3)
Thursday 8 th February	2.00p.m. – 3.00p.m. (Primaries 1-3)

Everyone should have received a note with their appointment time, however if your time didn't suit please contact your child's teacher to arrange another time.

N.B. Primary 3 will finish class at 2.00p.m. on the above dates and Primary 4 will remain in school.

'The Big Dish Out': Information leaflets have been sent home to all families today. This is an opportunity for individuals/groups to access funding for small projects in the local area. The launch event is on 8th February in the Boat Club and everyone is welcome.

'Walk To School' Days: The dates for February are Friday 9th and Friday 23rd and the usual procedures apply. Hopefully, the weather will be ok and everyone will be able to take part.

Healthy Lunch Boxes: Just a little reminder that 'Healthy Lunch Box Day' is every Wednesday. Unfortunately, many of the older children are now bringing crisps, chocolate etc. on Wednesday and it would be great if everyone could make a special effort to have a 'healthy' snack and bring fruit or vegetable pieces on 'Healthy Lunch Box Day'. The younger children are very good but it is hard for them to understand when they are sitting beside an older child with chocolate &/or crisps in their lunchbox!

School Uniform: Well done to all those children who come to school in full uniform every day! Thank you.

Can we remind everyone that girls should wear a maroon skirt/pinafore or plain black trousers and leggings should not be worn. Boys should also wear plain black trousers.

- There are still a large number of school sweatshirts in the Lost Property Box in the secretary's office. If any of them belong to your child please call into the office and check the box.

Closure Due To Bad Weather: Hopefully this will not happen again but if it does everyone will be sent a text message from the school or information will be posted on the BBC NI News/School Closures website

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ninews>

Important Dates

Friday 9 th February	-	1.00p.m. School Closing For Mid-Term Holiday
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February	-	Mid-Term Holiday
Friday 16 th March	-	Is confirmed as an exceptional closure and is a holiday for the children.
Wednesday 9 th May	-	Confirmation 4.00p.m. (Primary 7 children)
Saturday 12 th May	-	First Holy Communion 11.00am (Primary 4 children)

Mrs Anne M T Smart Principal