



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

**'Walk To School Days'** - Our 'Walk To School Days' for this month will take place, weather permitting, on **this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. As always, it would be great to see as many children, parents and carers as possible joining in and the usual supervision arrangements apply.

**First Confession** - Children in Primary 3 will be making their First Confession in the Church on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 11.00a.m. Children should come to school in the usual way on 21<sup>st</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 by Miss Lennon before that date. It is normal practice for parents to take the children for a small treat after First Confession and then bring them back to school in time for lunch at 12.30p.m.

**Wear Green for St Patrick's Day** - Everyone is asked to wear something green on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March as we celebrate St Patrick's Day in school. Children can wear one green thing or come completely dressed in green. It's up to you! The day is as non-uniform day and everyone is asked to bring £1 and this will go towards our Easter charity fundraising.

**'Mad Hair Day'** - To add to the fun Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March will also be our annual 'Mad Hair Day' so everyone can be as creative with their hairstyles as they want to!

**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 Meningitis Research Foundation. Sponsor forms will be sent home with every child next week and the sponsored events will be held during the week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> March – 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 the period **9<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 is £11.55**. Money should be paid on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. *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.)*

**School Photographs** - This year we decided to try a new company for the school and nursery photographs. It all went very smoothly at our end but now we would really appreciate some feedback from you to let us know what you thought of the photographs you bought. Please take a few minutes to complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the box in the secretary's office on/before next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. This will help us to decide which company we work with next year.

**Have You Any Dolls?** – Have you any dolls or Barbie dolls and their clothes which your children no longer use? Our Nursery Unit would really welcome any donations. As you can appreciate the dolls in the nursery get a lot of use and 'love'. Thank you in advance for your help.

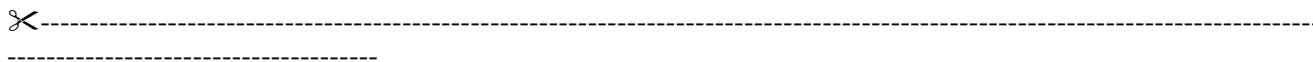
**Can You Help With The Disposal of Old Equipment?** - We have some old/broken items of furniture, toys and a large playmat that are no longer in use in our Nursery Unit. We have been informed that the local council does not lift items from educational buildings and because these items have been kept outside the Education Authority will not collect them either. We have been told we have to dispose of these items ourselves. To this end we need your help! Would anyone with a small trailer be able to collect these items from our Nursery Unit and take them to the local waste disposal site? If anyone can help please contact the school office on 028 2177 1693.

**Important Dates**

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Exceptional Closure Day. Holiday for all Primary and Nursery children
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	-	First Confession at 11.00a.m. (Primary 3 children)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Easter Holidays / School & Nursery close at 11.30a.m.

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April - New Term Begins
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Confirmation 4.00p.m. (Primary 7 children)
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May - First Holy Communion 11.00am (Primary 4 children)

**Mrs Anne Smart**  
**Principal**



**St Mary's Primary School and Nursery Unit, Cushendall**

**School Photograph Survey**  
**March 2018**

Please answer each question with an 'x' in the appropriate box

	Yes	No
Did you buy photographs from the school photographer this year?		
Did you buy photographs from the school photographer last year?		
Do you prefer the style of this year's school photographs?		
Do you think this year's photographs were good quality?		
Do you think this year's photographs were good value?		
Would you like the school to work with this company next year?		
Would you like the school to revert to the previous company next year		

Any other comments regarding School Photographs:

Thank you for completing this survey.  
Please return it to the box in the secretary's office on/before next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.