



St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

Parent Information - September Update 2017

'Walk To School' Days

Our next 'Walk To School' day for September is Friday 22nd September and everyone should meet at Red Bay Boats or at the **Coast Road (on the footpath opposite the Police Station)** at 9.00a.m. sharp. As always, children in Primaries 1-4 must be accompanied by an adult, so please make arrangements with each other to ensure your child has an adult to walk with. (The ratio required is 1 adult/6 children.) If possible, please encourage your child/children to walk to/from school on other days as well as on 'Walk To School' days.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our first 'Walk To School' day last week. Hopefully, you will be able to join us next time.

School Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately, there will be no crossing patrol at the bottom of Barrack Brae until further notice and everyone is asked to continue to make suitable arrangements for the safety of your child coming to and going home from school. We will let you know as soon as possible when we expect the crossing patrol to be back in operation.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding a 'Coffee Afternoon' on Wednesday 27th September to raise funds for this very worthy charity. Unfortunately almost every family, at some point, has been or will be affected and this is our way of helping the Macmillan Charity continue to provide their invaluable care and support. Last year we raised an amazing £576! (Please see attached letter.)

European Language Day

All classes will take part in our annual European Language Day on Monday 25th September. All children can dress up, if they wish, in their chosen country's costume.

School Mass

Our school Mass to celebrate the start of our new school year will be held on Friday 22nd September at 1.30p.m in the school assembly hall and it would be lovely if everyone could join us as we ask for God's blessing on our entire school community.

Photographs

Thursday 28th September – Class groups, individual photographs and family groups. All children must wear full school uniform N.B. All children will have an individual photograph taken. (Family group – Primary School children only). The photographer will be in school after 3.00p.m. to take any other individual or group photographs you wish.

Pantomime

The balance for our annual trip to the Opera House to see the pantomime 'Peter Pan' is due on / before Friday 22nd September. Our booking will only be confirmed when the Opera House receive our payment in full so it is very important all children wishing to go on this trip have brought in their money by 22nd September.

Safety

Unfortunately, we have noticed that parents and children are still using the carpark gate to enter and leave the school grounds. Everyone is reminded that in order to ensure the safety of our children and any accompanying adults, no one is allowed to use the gates at the carpark either coming to or going from school. Everyone is asked to please use the small gate at the front of the school.

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.

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.

Data Capture Information & Annual Consent forms

There are still a few forms which have not been returned. Please send them to school as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

Nursery Places

There are still a few places available at St Mary's Nursery Unit for this school year. If your child is aged 2-4 years and you would like to apply please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Temporary Register

We are compiling a Temporary Employment register for St Mary's PS & Nursery Unit in the following areas

Clerical / Admin. / Classroom Assistant / Cleaning Staff / Caretaking Staff / Supervisory Assistant / School Crossing Patrol

anyone who is interested should call at the school office for an application form.

Antrim Glens Traditions Group

Traditional Music Lessons (Fiddle, Accordion, Flute, Guitar & Tin Whistle) – Registration will be on **Tuesday 26th September** 7 – 7.45pm. Classes will begin on Tuesday 3rd October. Tuition is for Children from P3 up and adults.

Important Dates

Friday 29th September - Exceptional Closure Day - Primary and Nursery closed

Mrs Anne Smart
Principal