



# St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

## Parent Information – December 2019

### OPEN MORNINGS

All parents and children due to start Primary School or Nursery in September 2020, 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 PRIMARY SCHOOL - WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - 10.30-11.30AM**

**ST MARY'S NURSERY UNIT - THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - 9.30-10.30AM**

\*\* Please note there will be no morning session for our current nursery children on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December but the afternoon session will be as usual \*\*

### ENROLMENT TO ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT – SEPTEMBER 2020

Information is now available on the EA website <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> about applying for a funded pre-school place/primary one place in September 2020.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our school Christmas lunch is on Friday 13<sup>TH</sup> December and is a non-uniform day. School will close at 1.15p.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 20<sup>th</sup> – we hope everyone will be able to join in!

### CHRISTMAS SHOW

There are still some tickets available for the Christmas Shows 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.**

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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?**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 6.30PM** – Doors open at 6.00p.m.

**(Class will end at 2.00p.m. for all classes on Wednesday.)**

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.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM & CHRISTMAS FUNDAY

The last uniform day this term is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Fun Day and is a non-uniform day. All children are asked to contribute £1 towards the Fun Day and this includes face paints, juice and biscuits.

## CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

A consent form for our trip to the Opera House in Belfast next Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, is being sent home with every child today. Can all forms be filled in and returned to your child's teacher on/before Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December?

## TERM 2 MILK MONEY

The amount due for **Term 2** is £12.60. Money should be paid before Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. **(money should be sent in the sealed and clearly labelled envelope).**

*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.)*

## COOL CASH FRIDAY'S

Thank you to everyone who has supported our new fundraising venture. It is hoped that with the money raised we will be able to invest in iPads for each class along with other much needed resources. 'Cool Cash Friday' envelopes will be sent home to each family on a Friday with the weekly menu. If you require additional envelopes these are available from the school office. Can we remind everyone that only £1 should be put into each envelope but you can enter as many envelopes as you wish each week. All envelopes should be returned by 3pm on a Thursday as the weekly draw is done at assembly on a Friday morning. Late envelopes will be carried into the following weeks draw.

**Please Note As We Are Closed On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – THE DRAW FOR THIS WEEK WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER ALL ENVELOPES SHOULD ENTERED INTO THE DRAW BY 9.15AM ON THURSDAY MORNING.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> | - <b>School &amp; Nursery Closed</b> (Staff Development Day)   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December   | - Whole School Trip to Pantomime in Belfast  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December    | - General Election Polling Station – P.S & N.U Closed All Day  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December      | - Christmas Dinner – Non Uniform – School Closing at 1.15pm<br>No Afternoon Nursery Session  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December    | - Christmas Fun Day - Non-Uniform Day, £1/child  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December      | - End of Term - School & Nursery class ends at 11.00a.m.   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020   | - New Term Begins - Primary School and Nursery Unit  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020  | - Primary One & Nursery Enrolment 2020 - Application process opens at 12noon on <b>EA website</b><br><a href="https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions">https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions</a> |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2020  | - Staff Development Day – PS & NU Closed   |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2020    | - First Holy Communion 11.00am. (P4 pupils)  |

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