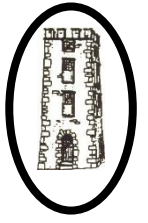




St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall

Parent Information - February 2020



Open Enrolment 2020-2021:

Supporting Documentation, i.e. Original Birth Certificate, should be brought to your 1st preference school/nursery by 12noon on Friday 7th February 2020.

'Walk To School' Days:

The dates for February is Friday 14th and Friday 28th the usual procedures apply. Hopefully, the weather will be ok and everyone will be able to take part.

Healthy Lunch Boxes:

Our 'Healthy Lunchboxes' for every day has now been operational for one year. We would like to thank everyone for taking part, however, some bad habits are creeping back into the lunchboxes, and we would ask everyone to try really hard to ensure that everyone is having a healthy lunch. Please remind your children that they are not allowed to share food with others. Food not eaten will be returned home in lunchboxes to ensure that parents know what their child has or hasn't eaten. Fizzy drinks are not permitted at any time. On a Friday one small treat may be sent for lunchtime. Can I also remind you that St Mary's is a '**Nut Free Zone**' and children are asked not to bring nuts or products containing traces of nuts into school/nursery at any time.

Healthy Choices	Unhealthy Choices
Fruit Vegetables Yoghurt Cheese Pancakes Rolls Wheaten Bread Sandwiches Cream Crackers Water	Dairylea Dunkers Lunchables Ritz Crackers All Crisps Chocolate Sweets Flavoured Water Croissants Cereal Bars Milkshakes



Gaelfast Coaching:

We are delighted to be taking part in the Gaelfast Initiative. Dominic McKinley will be coaching the children from this Friday, 7th February and run until the end of this school year. P1 – P4 will be coached until the Easter break then it will be the turn of P5 – P7.

EVERYONE should wear their sports gear (i.e. shorts, t-shirt, trainers and tracksuit type bottoms) to school on Friday (no uniforms!) until the end of the school year. The classes being coached should also bring their hurl, helmet and water bottle (we have a small selection of hurls and helmets for those children who do not have their own).

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.

Closure Due To Bad Weather:

Hopefully this will not happen but if it does everyone will be sent a text message from the school or information will be posted on our Facebook Page, School Website, www.stmaryspscushendall.com and the BBC NI News/School Closures website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ninews>

Important Dates:

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| Tuesday 11 th February | - | Nursery / Primary Photograph Orders returned to School |
| Friday 14 th February | - | 1.00p.m. School Closing for Mid-Term Holiday
– There will be no Afternoon Nursery session |
| Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February | - | Mid-Term Holiday |
| Tuesday 17 th March | - | Staff Development Day
– Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed |
| Wednesday 6 th May 2020 | - | Confirmation 4.00p.m. (P.7 pupils) |
| Saturday 16 th May 2020 | - | First Holy Communion 11.00a.m. (P4 pupils) |

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