



## St Mary's Primary School, Cushendall Parent Information – January 2020

### OPEN ENROLMENT

**Primary One September 2020:** Children born on or between 2 July 2015 & 1 July 2016.

**Nursery September 2020: Target Age:** Children born on or between 2 July 2016 & 1 July 2017.

**Under Age:** Children born on or between 2 July 2017 & 1 July 2018.

The closing date & time for Primary School & Nursery applications for September 2020 is 12noon on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The EA Application Process for applying for Pre-School & Primary 1 new admissions is an online system. The online portal <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> will close at 12noon on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. If you require any help please feel to contact the school at any time. Paper versions of the Application forms are also from the school office. Supporting Documentation should be brought to your 1<sup>st</sup> preference school/nursery by 12noon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### ADMISSION TO POST PRIMARY EDUCATION 2020-2021

Forms have been sent home this week with the Primary 7 children for parents to complete. Please ensure these forms are returned to the school office on / before Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### 'WALK TO SCHOOL' DAYS

The next date for this month is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January and the usual arrangements apply. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part last term – we hope you will join in again and get the New Year off to a good start! N.B. If the weather is very wet or if it is frosty/snowy & the pavements are slippery the walk will not take place.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM & OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Can everyone please make sure all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name and class? Please ensure your child brings a coat (with hood or a hat) to school every day. We often walk to Mass or complete lessons outdoors regardless of the weather.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

**In the interests of everyone's safety can we please ask all adults and children to:-**

- **use the small gate when going to and from school and not to use the car park gate at any time;**
- **use the front door when going to and from school if there is snow or ice and not go across the main playground.**

## PARKING AT THE SCHOOL GATE

**It is very important that everyone remembers not to park on the yellow lines outside the small gate at any time! The markings are there to help keep everyone safe and we really don't want anyone to have an accident.**

### 'COOL CASH FRIDAY' DRAW

Many thanks to everyone who supports our 'Cool Cash Friday' draw. The money raised will be used to buy ICT equipment and resources for both the Primary School & Nursery Unit. Could I please ask you not to use the 'Cool Cash Friday' envelopes for dinner money as the children are posting them into the 'Cool Cash Friday' draw bucket.

## HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Just a little reminder that 'Healthy Lunch Box Day' is every day. It is great to see many children bringing fruit yoghurts, jelly, custard and fruit instead of chocolate snacks or crisps. Children can bring a small treat in their lunchbox on a Friday.

## WATER IN SCHOOL

All children are encouraged to drink water during the school day and drinking water is available in all classrooms. Some children already bring in their own bottle but there are a large number of children who do not. Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school every day. (P1&2 already have individual drinking cups in their classrooms so they do not need water bottles.)

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PREPARATION

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**, we invite everyone in our school community to join us in the Church at 10.00am to celebrate Mass for Catholic Schools Week

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**, is our Grandparents' Morning beginning with an Assembly in the Primary School Hall at 11.00a.m. followed by tea/coffee. 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.

On **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January** at 11.00am, grandparents, parents and other adults are invited into school to help the children make St Brigid's crosses.

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:

Should you wish to raise a concern about the welfare of any child at the school the procedures which should be followed are attached.

## 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 the BBC NI News/School Closures website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ninews>. We will also post updates on our Website and Facebook pages.

## ST MARY'S PS & NURSERY WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGES

Please remember to check out our Website: [www.stmaryspscushendall.com](http://www.stmaryspscushendall.com) & Facebook page for updates, photographs, dinner menus and all information regarding St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>                        | - | Sports for Schools Day   |
| <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>                         | - | Catholic Schools Week Mass in Church at 10.00am.<br>- Everyone Welcome |
| <b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>                        | - | Grandparents' Morning beginning at 11.00am                             |
| <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>                         | - | St Brigid's Cross Making at 11.00am                                    |
| <b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>                           | - | Exceptional Closure – Primary School & Nursery Unit Closed             |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> |   | Mid Term Break   |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>                             | - | Confirmation 4.00pm. (P.7 pupils)                                      |
| <b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>                             | - | First Holy Communion 11.00am. (P4 pupils)                              |

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# HOW A PARENT CAN REGISTER A CONCERN / MAKE A COMPLAINT

