

St Patrick's Primary School

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Progress Through Partnership

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please check the 'Week at a Glance' for information about what is happening in our school this week.

Primary 1

The Primary 1 children are settling in very well and this week they will be staying into 1:50pm.

PA school calendar photos

Photos will be taken of your child's class on Monday and Tuesday of this week for the Parent's Association calendar which goes on sale after Halloween. All children should wear their correct uniform as we are scheduling photos in line with the PE timetable. Please ensure your child is in school on these days to ensure they are included in this beautiful keepsake, unless there are exceptional circumstances such as illness, etc.

Start of year curriculum meetings for Parents and Guardians:

Many thanks to those parents and guardians who took time to attend the curriculum meetings for their children. These meetings are extremely important for you to find out how you can help your child with their learning, and it is part of our programme for engaging parents and guardians in playing a part in their children's learning. **Please note the Primary 6 meeting is on Monday 23rd at 3:10pm and not Tuesday 24th as previously stated.**

Class	Date	Time
Primary 6	Monday 23rd September	3:10pm
Primary 1	Tuesday 24th September	2:00pm
Primary 5	Wednesday 25th September	3:10pm

Mass for the Opening of the School Year

We will be celebrating Mass for the Opening of the School Year on Tuesday 24th September at 9:30am in St John's Church, Ballymaghera. We hope as many of you can join us for this very special occasion, where we pray for God's blessing for all in and connected to our school for the year ahead. P1 to P7 children will be attending.

Autumn Bake Sale

Primary 7 are hosting a bake sale on 26th September as part of their curriculum development and to help raise funds for our school. The sale will take place during the school day and each class will attend the sale with their teacher.

Traffic management:

Please do not park in the Bus Layby, the school entrance, on the footpath along the Castlewellan Road or at the entrance to the Parochial House. Anyone doing this is endangering lives of our pupils and members of the public. Please park in the church carpark. The PSNI will be monitoring parking outside the school in the days and weeks ahead to ensure our children are as safe as possible.

Parents' Association

The AGM of the Friends of St Patrick's Parents' Association took place on Thursday evening and it was heartening to see so many interested parents in attendance. Sincere thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Ward and Mrs Orla Breen who stood down from their positions as Chairperson and Secretary as the last of their children have moved on to post primary school. Their dedication to the Friends of St Patrick's PA has been extraordinary having been instrumental in raising much needed funds for the school over many years.

Strings Tuition

Mr Ryan's lessons have been postponed until further notice. Mrs McArdle will be taking the P4 String Project and violin lessons on Monday as normal.

Communication with school

From time to time, you may have queries or matters you want to discuss in relation to school. If you have something you wish to discuss please use the correct channel of communication by phoning the school office on 028 40630061 or emailing info@stpatricks.hilltown.ni.sch.uk to arrange to speak to the Principal.

Yours sincerely,

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