St. John's Primary School
May Newsletter

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

During the month of May we remember Our Lady. Children are welcome to bring flowers to adorn our classroom May Altars. Following the wishes of Pope Leo XIV, we also pray in a special way to Mary our Mother. This year we pray especially for peace and justice in our world.

BRING AND BUY SALE

The P7 children are busy organising their 'Bring and Buy Sale'. This takes place on Wednesday 21st May. They would still appreciate any donations of toys, jewellery and games etc. Cake and buns (nut free) can also be brought in on the day.

All the classes will be given the opportunity to buy items at the sale. Please ensure your child has their money in a purse/wallet and brings a large, strong bag to carry their wonderful purchases home!

PRIMARY 7 END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The Leavers' Mass for the P7 children and their families will take place on Friday 20th June at 10.00am in St. John's Church. Light refreshments will be served in the school hall after the Mass – everyone is welcome! The P7 children will finish school on this day after the Mass.

HEALTHY EATING POLICY REMINDER

In our school we operate a healthy eating policy at break time. Please ensure your child/ children bring fruit or vegetables with either milk or water. Please note, this does not include yoghurts, processed fruits, breakfast bars, crackers or sandwiches. Though this policy does not operate at lunchtime, we would encourage healthy options for those children who bring packed lunches.

NUT FREE SCHOOL REMINDER

St. John's is a nut free school so please ensure that all food sent to school is nut free. This includes packed lunches.

OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

We hope you enjoy browsing our school website http://www.stjohnspsmoy.com
Here you can keep up to date with what's happening in Saint John's and access the useful information available in the parents' tab. This is our central means of communication. It would be useful to download the Schools NI App which is linked to our website. Click on the (?) on the app and ensure that notifications are turned on.

HOME TIME ARRANGEMENTS

At home time, if your child is not being collected by their parent/guardian, the class teacher should be made aware of what arrangements are in place.

Where there are any changes to a child's normal pattern of home time arrangement, the school expects to be informed by the parent on or before the day.

We are finding it very difficult to ascertain which children are getting the bus each day as it varies with afterschool clubs etc. If your child uses the bus service, it is important that both the child and their teacher are made aware of any day-to-day changes to this arrangement. We appreciate your support with this matter.

PSG - NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 30th May - PSG - Non-Uniform Day £1 voluntary contribution to PSG. This can be brought to school or paid via the pay pal link below. Remember to use the friends and family option.
https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/stjohnsprimarymoypsg?country.x=GB&locale.x=en_GB

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The following dates have been confirmed:

Wednesday 21st May	• P7 Annual Bring and Buy Sale
Thursday 22nd May	• P7 Soccer Blitz
Friday 23rd May	• Academy Blitz
Mon 26th May	• School Closed
Tues 27th May	• School Closed
Wednesday 28th May	• School Closed
Friday 30th May	• P.S.G. non-uniform day • Moy GAA Primary School Tournament
Monday 2nd June	• St. Patrick's PS Donaghmore Blitz
Tuesday 3rd June	• Cumann na mBunscol – Girls' Football County Final
Monday 9th June	• PSG Funday
Tuesday 10th June	• Induction Morning for P1 (Sept 2025 intake)
Thursday 12th June	• Cabragh Cup Tournament
Friday 13th June	• Dúiche Neil Hurling Blitz • Athletics Event
Tuesday 17th June	• P7 Trip- Share Centre Fermanagh
Friday 20th June	• P7 Leavers Mass @ 10am
Wednesday 25th June	• P4, 5 and 6 Trip – Leisureplex Lisburn
Friday 27th June	• P1, 2 and 3 Trip – Peter Pan Portadown
Monday 30th June	• School closes for summer break

SAFEGUARDING

- **Designated Teacher for Child Protection – Mrs Hughes**
- **Deputy Designated Teacher for Child protection – Mr Gormley**

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility