



Sept 2020

Welcome back to all children, staff, parents and Governors, as we embark on a new school year in St. Mary's. These are anxious times for everyone but as a school we are doing everything to make the return to school a safe and welcoming environment for all. As we all work together to maintain this in the weeks and months ahead, we ask for your patience and understanding and know that we as a school are doing our very best to make school as normal and caring environment for the children and staff. It has been a very positive start to the year so far and we are all delighted to have the children back at school.

A 'big welcome' to our new Year 1 children:- Fraser Boyd, Cillian Brennan, Grace Coulter, Annie Devine, Caiden Do Carmo Faria, Declan Fisher, Olly Gault, Caoimhe Horisk, Jude Kerr, Marcus Kerr, Jude Mallon, Oisin Mallon, Darragh Moxon, Nevin McAnenly, Aria McDermott, Rosi McGarvey, Ava McGroarty, Peter McMullan, Kevin McMenamin, Odhran O'Neill, Ciarnán Phair, Anna Spence and Daithi Tierney.

The following staffing arrangements will be in place for the Year 1 - 7 classes this year.

Class Teachers

- P1/2 Mrs Hagan,
- P2/3 Miss Hurson
- P3/4 Mrs McCaughey / Mrs McGarrity (Mon Tues)
- P5 Mr Donaghy
- P6/7 Mrs Phair / Mr Cullen / Mrs Mc Garrity

Staff work closely together throughout the year ensuring continuity and progression across the Curriculum.

1. Contacting our School

- We ask that all parents download the app from our school website www.stmarysballygawley.com.
- We use Whatsapp to broadcast communications to parents. Please download the Whatsapp App and add our school mobile to you contacts please.
- If you are unable to install this app on your phone and wish to receive texts, please forward you name and number, to our school phone 07827444215 as soon as possible.
- If you are a new parent or an existing parent and have changed your number, please forward your name and number to our school phone. Thank you
- Our Secretary will be in School from Wed-Fri each week.

Parents can contact teachers directly via email. Teachers will endeavour to check their emails before school starts every day, but cannot guarantee an immediate response. They will not be routinely checking their emails during teaching time.

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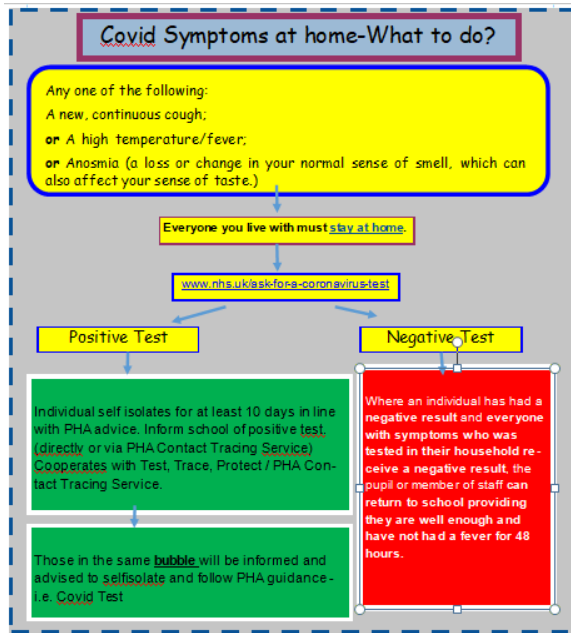
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P5/6 Teacher - sdonaghy040@c2kni.net

P6/7 Teacher - cphair196@c2kni.net



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3. **Dinners**

School dinners will be served daily in the classrooms to protect the class bubbles. Dinner each day will cost £2.60 per child. We need pupils to book and pay for dinners on a Monday. Dinner money will be collected by teachers. Each pupil must bring in their own money unless brothers and sisters are in the same class bubble. Record clearly what the money is for on the outside of the envelopes. **Exact change please.** Thank you for your cooperation.



September Menu

Weekly Meal Planner				
	31/08/2020	08/01/1900	14/09/2020	21/09/2020
Monday		Grilled Bacon	Chicken Crumble	Home Made Pizza
		spaghetti bolognese	Steak Burger	Cottage Pie
	sc	Mash Potato	Peas & Sweetcorn	Peas & Sweetcorn
		Mixed Vegetables	Pasta	Mash Potato
	Muffin		Chocolate muffin cake	Muffin
				Custard
Tuesday	chicken curry	Chicken Goujons	Chicken Curry & Rice	Steak Burger
	Oven Baked Sausages		Fish Fingers	Chicken Curry & Rice
	Sweetcorn	Peas & Sweetcorn	Home Made Wedges	Mash Potato
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Flakemeal Biscuits	Herb Diced Potato shortbread	Mash Potato	Icecream Tub	Sweetcorn
		rice krispie square		
Wednesday	Chilli Chicken Wrap	Lasagne	Chilli Chicken Wrap	Fish Fingers
	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers		Pasta Bolognese
	Mixed Vegetables	BAKED BEANS	Pizza	Peas & Sweetcorn
	Mash Potato	Mash Potato	mashed potato	Mixed Vegetables
Pasta	Peas & Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Pasta	Mash Potato
chocolate cookie	cookies	Muffin		chocolate cookies
Thursday	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Rat gammon & stuffing	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Roast Chicken & Stuffing
	Mash Potato		Sweetcorn	Carrots
	Carrots	Carrots	Carrots	Sweetcorn
	Peas	Cauliflower & Broccoli	Mash Potato	Rat & mashed potato
	Icecream Tub		Shortbread	Rice Krispie Square
Friday	Chicken Crumble	Chicken & Pasta Bake	Chicken & Pasta Bake	Peppered Chicken
	Steak Burger & Bap	Oven Baked Sausages	Oven Baked Sausages	oven baked sausages
	Mixed Salad	Peas	Mixed Vegetables	chips / potato
	potato / chips	Mixed Salad	Pasta	Mixed Salad
	chips / mashed potato	chips/ potato		Mixed Vegetables
Icecream Tub	Flakemeal Biscuits	Icecream Tub		Flakemeal Biscuits

4. **Milk Term 1**

Milk Money for Sept will cost £4.00 per child. Orders and money need to be placed by Thursday 3rd September.



5. Healthy Eating

Our school has in place a Healthy Eating Policy which encourages children to eat either fruit, vegetables, bread snacks and milk or water at break time. We would encourage you as parents to continue as much as possible the promotion of good eating habits when preparing lunches for the children. Children are also permitted to **bring water**, which they can drink during class time. Research has shown that when dehydration occurs children find it difficult to concentrate and the drinking of water helps them to focus more in the afternoon.



6. Uniform Labels

Could you please ensure that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name, so as to avoid confusion if items of clothing are misplaced. This also includes PE clothing and coats. Children planning to play football on the pitch must wear a different pair of trainers from those which they wear inside the school. Some uniforms have been left behind from last year and are available for collection over the next two weeks from the assembly hall.

7. Music tuition

Violin, viola, cello and brass tuition will begin in the next two weeks.

Monday - Violin, Viola

Friday - Cello




8. Medication

All children who require inhalers or other forms of medication, which need to be on site, must make sure that an up to date supply is available in our medical cupboard. Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled.

9. Health and Well being

At this time of the year head lice can be an issue. In line with our health and well being policy, we would ask that children with long hair have it tied back when coming to school. This improves hygiene as the children are involved in practical activities throughout the day. Parents are asked to check their child's hair regularly notifying the school immediately if an outbreak of head lice occurs. The school has currently been made aware of such an outbreak.

School Milk (to be returned to class teacher by Thursday 3rd September).

£4.00 per  child = September

Break time Snacks

Pupils can avail of our break time snacks each term. They will be provided with a choice of fruit, toast, pancakes, scones or crusty bread. **Cost £7 September.**



We are looking into having a cashless system within school where all transactions would be carried out online and would be interested in feedback from parents. We

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