



# St. Mary's Primary School

## Parents' Newsletter

November 2020



### Flu Vaccine

Please return any outstanding forms to school. We have not been informed of any change to the date for the vaccine which is scheduled to be administered in school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Any date changes we will keep you informed through the school App

### Consent Forms for school

Please return any outstanding school consent form to Patricia- if you have mislaid it, please telephone her and we can get another one sent out to you.

Many thanks.

### COVID-19

What can be said that hasn't already. Each day brings a challenge and we as a school community are managing well. Children and their families directly impacted are in our thoughts and minds. The children's resilience has been put to the test and has exceeded our expectations. New merged classes are now in operation until the end of June and the new start and finish times will hopefully be as smooth as those in the earlier part of the term.

As a school we are thankful to Miss Caoimhe O'Neill and Miss Seanin McKeown who supported and taught the P2 and P6 classes. We are grateful to the Hall committee who allowed us the use of the hall and opened, closed and cleaned for the children in the school on a daily basis. It is great to see how the Stewartstown community can pull together. Sadly, budget costs would not permit for the low pupil teacher ratio to continue and as a school we are very fortunate to have Mr Cullen remain with us to the end of June. It is a trying time but we will make the very most of all that we can.

## SOFT

*We remain part of the Cookstown area SOFT (Supporting our Schools Together) project.*

<http://softprojectcookstown.org/>

*The project has three family support workers who will meet with and chat to families about what they need. Most of their work is around supporting families to put better routines, habits and strategies in place to build confidence and make life easier in the home.*

*Other work that they are involved in include support with behaviour, goal setting and establishing and maintaining consistent boundaries. Always remember to reach out and ask for help if needed, sometimes small changes make a big difference.*

*To contact them either speak with Mrs M Hamill or contact them directly by Phone: 028 86 769152 or Email: [families@softprojectcookstown.org](mailto:families@softprojectcookstown.org)*

### Birthdays Celebrations in November

*Jake Foster-Evans*

*Kate Kelly*

*Mollie O'Hagan*

*Amelia McNally*

*Kayleigh McNally*

*Jack Devlin*

*Dara Bleeks*

*Lorcan Smith*

*Vytatue Naruseviciute*

*Maeve McKeown*

*Lilly Mae McQuillan*

### Shoe Box Appeal

Sadly, the Shoe Box Appeal will not take place in St Mary's this year.

## Parent Teacher Communications

Our annual parent teacher communications took place this year before Halloween, ensuring that you got up to date information on how your child has settled in.

Any other issues that need to be discussed please telephone for an appointment or message your child's class teacher directly using the Dojo App.

Medical, referrals through GP or other behaviour or social concerns that you may have, please ask to speak with Mrs O Duffy SENCo. The SENCo in school can explain what we are able to do in school or to sign-post you to other agencies that may be able to help.

## Save the Date (fingers crossed): Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star

Primary 1 will be showcasing their dramatic and musical talents at their Nativity Play on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. We will be in touch with regards to how we can present this very special event closer to the time and obviously adhering to all the regulations.

## Admissions to Primary School 'Go Live'

The admissions to Primary school will be available on line. Parents will access this service via the EA website [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk). The date for the digital admissions is **7<sup>th</sup> January 2021** and most importantly the closing time and date for punctual applications will be **12.00 midnight on 30 January 2021**.

**If you, or someone you know is applying for a place at Primary school please let them know about St Mary's and what we have to offer.**

## DATES FOR THE NOVEMBER DIARY

Date	Event
2nd	Back to school
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mass - Mr Reilly's class
13 <sup>th</sup>	Special Educational Needs Reviews
16 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting
26 <sup>th</sup>	

School closes for Christmas holidays on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 11 am and reopens on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** for Term 2!

**Please ensure you have your child's name on all items of school uniform. We already have a number of sweatshirts awaiting their homes in school.**

## GO FUND ME.

'The Go Fund Me' page set up for the school has exceeded all our expectations. Between donations given into school and online the school has an extra **£1705** to use for resources for the children. The P7 school council's views will be sought at their meeting this month... I wonder what they will come up with?



## NOVEMBER SCHOOL MEALS



Milk & Water available daily

Fruit and Yoghurt & Bread available daily

Menu subject to deliveries

	Week commencing 2nd Nov	Week commencing 9th Nov	Week commencing: 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Week Commencing: 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov
<b>Monday</b>	Savoury Mince Fish Fingers Carrots and Peas Mashed Potatoes /Pasta/Gravy Chocolate Muffin and Custard	Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread Fish Fingers Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit Sponge Cake Custard	Cottage Pie Oven Baked Sausage Peas and Carrots Pasta/ Mashed Pots and Gravy Shortbread Biscuit	Savoury Mince Chicken Goujons Peas and Carrots Mashed Pots/Gravy/Pasta Semolina and Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Butcher Burger and Bap Tuna wraps Chips & Mashed potatoes Salad /Corn/Pasta/Gravy Semolina and Fruit	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Salmon Bites/Tuna Wraps Peas/Beans Chips/Mashed Pots /Pasta/Gravy Apple Crumble and Custard	Butchers Burger and Bap Tuna Wrap Beans/Peas Chips/Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Rice Pudding and Fruit	Peppered Chicken and Rice Cheese and Tomato Pizza Sweetcorn and Peas Chips/Mashed Pots and Gravy Apple Crumble and Custard
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish Fingers Carrots & Peas/Beans Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Swiss Roll & Custard	Butchers Burger Peppered Chicken and Rice Carrots /Peas Mashed/Pasta/Gravy Chocolate Cookie and Custard	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish Fingers Peas/Corn Mashed Pots and Gravy Chocolate Muffin Cake and	Home-Made Veg or Chicken Soup Butchers Burgers and Bap Selection of Bread Onions/Cheese/Salad
<b>Thursday</b>	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Chicken Chilli Wrap Carrots & Peas Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Rice & Pasta Jelly and Fruit	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Chicken Chilli Wrap Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Semolina and Peaches	Roast Turkey and Stuffing Chicken Chilli Wrap Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Chicken Chilli Wrap Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Krispie Square and Custard
<b>Friday</b>	Hot Dog or Tuna Wrap Mixed Salad Cheese and Sauce Chips/Pasta Chocolate Cookie and Fruit	Home-Made Veg and Chicken Soup Hot Dog Selection of Bread Salad/Sauce/Onions/Cheese Jelly and Fruit	Chicken Nuggets (oven baked) Chicken Pasta Baked Corn/Peas Chips/Potatoes/Gravy Ice-Cream Tub and Fruit Vanilla Tubs and Fruit	SEPTEMBER SPECIAL Cocktail Sausage Mini Pizza Salad/Pasta/Gravy Diced Cubes/potatoes Chocolate Cookie and Milkshake