



St. Mary's Primary School

Parents' Newsletter

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GUESS MY NAME

The annual term 2 fundraiser in school - 'Guess the name of the Bunny' accompanies this newsletter.

Get scratching your brain cells to come up with what the name of the Bunny might be this year.

Successful recipient of the bunny will be announced at the fun day on Wed 17th April

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will be closed for Easter on **Thursday 18th April** at 11 am and reopen on **Monday 29th April** for term 3.

School closed **Monday 6th May**.
School closed **Monday 27th - Friday 31st May**

Special Dates in the Life of our School

Ceremony of Light for P7 children and their parents on **Tuesday 2nd April** @7:30pm in **St Mary's Church Stewartstown**

Confirmation ceremony for our P7 pupils will take place this year on **Thursday 2nd May at 5pm** in the Church of the Holy Family, Coalisland.

Refreshments and photo opportunities afterwards in Coalisland Parish hall – all welcome.

All P7 pupils to bring their confirmation clothes to school: **Friday 3rd May** for an official photograph and for their leaver's assembly movie photo shoot!

TROCAIRE

Our fundraising efforts for Trocaire are well underway with each class participating in a "Healthy Breaks for Trocaire" event. Fruit, pancakes and delicious home baked buns have been the order of the day. The total amount raised so far is an amazing: £ 189.48

Well done to all pupils, staff and a big **thank you** to you the parents for your support and generosity.



Birthdays Celebrations in April

Amy Kells

Clíodhna Taggart

Eoghan Cunningham

Niall Devlin

Annie Corr

Farewell

The school bids farewell to two members of staff: Ms Edel Skeffington and a happy retirement to Mrs Martina Newell. Both Edel and Martina have always made sure that all children in their care received the greatest care and attention throughout their years of service at St Mary's P.S.

From the bottom of our hearts we thank them and wish them all the very best from each and every one of us at St Mary's. The children have previously marked Edel's farewell at assembly and Martina will join us in school on Friday 12th April at Mrs B Hamill's class assembly.

St Patrick's Celebrations

St Patrick's celebrations saw the traditional group, Irish dancers and Feis speakers take to the Parish Hall stage in a celebration of Irish culture and language. The Irish dancers really were superb and we thank the traditional group musicians in particular for their dedication and their participation in many of our school events – confirmation, communion and school masses.

As you know Donald Canavan teaches traditional music in school and is tireless in his efforts to ensure that our school is performing at top level. If your son/daughter has been lucky to get a place with Donald please ensure that they complete daily practice with their tunes as Donald's time with us is precious.

Well done to you!

We were very proud of the Primary 4 children who made their First Confession in March. They participated so wonderfully during the ceremony and made the evening a truly special occasion.

Local Feis

Superb results from the Coalisland Feis for St Mary's, where once again we topped the polls! The children's renditions of their stories were remarked upon by the organisers and the school's involvement in their preparations.

We can only say we are proud indeed to be involved in this long running tradition within the parish.

School Sports Hall

Unfortunately, the ceiling collapse in the sports hall has turned into a bigger job than we once thought and Education Authority Maintenance Department are not prepared to do a 'small fix'. It's like everything once you don't have it you really miss it! However, we are so grateful that we have been able to use the Parish Hall next door as the weather was just too cold at times to complete PE outside. Thanks to the committee for permitting us to use the hall and for opening and closing.

Easter Fun and Fitness

Wednesday 17th April will be an active day for the children at St Marys when we will get them involved in active fitness stations working with children from other classes and under the watchful eyes of the P7 children. Children are asked to wear their own clothes that day and following the announcement of the Easter Bunny winner they will have their Easter Egg Hunt.

Food and Fitness

Primary 4 and 5 will have a food and fitness workshop on Friday 12th April as part of their Personal Development and Mutual Understanding curriculum.

Tannaghmore Open Farm.

Mrs M Hamill and Mrs Duffy's class will be heading off to Tannaghmore Garden Open Farm on Tuesday 16th April – hoping to see baby lambs and maybe get the chance to feed some farm animals. Consent forms will be issued shortly. Please read the additional guidance for safety and precautions at farms provided with the consent form.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: APRIL

Date	Event
2 nd	Ceremony of Light- P7 pupils 7:30 @ St Mary's Church, Stewartstown
12 th	Mrs B Hamill's class Assembly & presentation for Mrs Martina Newell
16 th	P1,2 and 3 to Tannaghmore Gardens Open Farm
17 th	Fun and activities & Easter Egg Hunt Wear your own clothes
18 th	School Closes at 11am
19 th - 26 th	Easter Holidays
School reopens for third term on Monday 29 th April	
29 th &30 th	Confirmation practice for P7 class & Traditional musicians
2 nd May	Confirmation at 5pm in Church of the Holy Family, Coalisland



APRIL SCHOOL MEALS



Week com	1 st April	8 th April	15 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS EASTER HOLIDAYS.....	29 th April
Monday	Savoury Mince Fish Fingers Peas and Carrots Mashed Pots/Gravy Shortbread and Custard/Fruit	Pasta Bolognaise Fish Fingers Peas/Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Fruit Sponge Cake and Custard	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Chicken Chilli Wraps Peas/Corn/Pasta Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Chocolate Sponge and Custard		Savoury Mince Butchers Burger Peas and Carrots Mashed Pots/Gravy/Pasta Semolina and Fruit
Tuesday	Chicken Nuggets Oven Baked Tuna Wraps Chips/Mashed Pot/Pasta/Gravy Beans/Peas Apple Crumble and Custard	Chicken Curry and Rice Cheese and Tomato Pizza Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Beans/Sweetcorn/Gravy Swiss Roll and Chocolate Sauce	Grilled Bacon Fish Finger Beans/Peas/Pasta Mashed Pots/Gravy Shortbread and Custard/Fruit		Cheese and Tomato Pizza Peppered Chicken and Rice Chips/Mashed Pots Beans /Sweetcorn Pasta/Gravy Shortbread/Fruit and Custard
Wednesday	Roast Chicken /Stuffing Carrots /Broccoli/Pasta Mashed Pots/Gravy Jelly and Fruit	Roast Turkey Carrots /Broccoli/Pasta Mashed Pots/Gravy Krispie Square and Custard	Chicken Nuggets Oven Cooked Tuna Wraps Salad/Peas/Pasta Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Frozen Mousse and Fruit		Roast Chicken/Stuffing Carrots/Peas/Gravy Pasta/Mashed Pots Chocolate Sponge and Custard
Thursday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Barbecued Chicken Noodles Sweetcorn/Peas/Salad Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Chocolate Sponge and Custard	Home-made Veg and Chicken Soup Selection of Bread Butchers Burger and Bap Salad/Onions/Sauce/Cheese Chocolate Cookie and Fruit	School Closes 11 am		Chicken Curry and Rice Fish Fingers Peas/Corn/Pasta Mashed Pots/Gravy Jelly and Fruit
Friday	Home-Made Vegetable and Chicken Soup Butchers Burgers and Baps Salad/Onions/Sauce/Cheese Ice-Cream Tub and Fruit	APRIL SPECIAL Mini Pizza/Cocktail Sausages Mini Chicken Wraps Diced Fries/Pasta/Salad Artic Roll and Fruit	School Holiday		Hot Dog/Tuna Rolls Mixed Salad/Mashed Pots Gravy/Pasta Artic Roll/Fruit

