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MAY 2024

School Closures - The school will be closed on Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May inclusive. School will reopen as normal on Monday 3rd June.

Summer Fete - Keep free Friday the 14th of June 6pm - 8.30pm for all pupils of St. Mary's to attend our first Summer Fete which is being organised by the PTA.

P.5 Swimming - We have been able to secure a block of swimming lessons in the 3rd term for the P.5 class on Tuesday mornings beginning on Tuesday 30th April at 11.10am. The children will leave school at 10.30am and return in time for lunch at 12.30pm. The cost per pupil is £3 each Tuesday. Pupils wear PE gear into school and bring their swimming gear to change into. Pupils are asked not to bring any money as they will not be permitted to use the vending machines.

SUSTRANS - Every Friday in May we are encouraging families to take part in 'Fit Fridays' by walking, cycling or scooting to school. During the month of May we are encouraging all children P.1-P.7 to walk to school every Friday. We will meet at the Church Car Park at 8.30am on Friday mornings. During May, Staff will be present to lead the walk but parents are very welcome to join in

P.4 & 5 Gaelic Blitz- There will be a Gaelic Football Go Games blitz in Maguiresbridge GFC pitch on Thursday the 9th of May. The children should wear in their PE gear and bring a coat as they will be walking from school to the pitch.

P.6 & 7 Afterschool Soccer and Art - Miss Mc Cadden and Mr. Prunty will be organising afterschool soccer and Art lessons for Wednesday 8th May and the following two Tuesdays in May. Sessions begin at 3pm and finish at 4pm

Boys Soccer Tournament - congratulations to the P.6 & P.7 boys' soccer team who won the Fivemiletown Soccer Tournament this year, the first time since 2019. Special mention to Pearce Traynor who didn't concede one goal over the course of the 2 day competition.

Girls Soccer Tournament - Our P.6 & 7 girls will be participating in a soccer tournament on Wednesday 15th of May organised by Maguiresbridge PS and taking place in Hunter Playing field off the main Belfast Road.

Netball Tournament - best of luck to the girls of P.6 & P.7 who will be competing in a Netball tournament in Castle Park centre on Friday the 24th of May.

CORE NI - will be leading the P.1-P.4 children in Gymnastics outside on Tuesdays beginning 7th May and the last session will be Tuesday the 18th June
Children wear in PE gear on these days. Class PE will also continue on Fridays.

St. Kevin's Taster Day - those P.7 children who are attending St. Kevin's in September 2024 will have a taster Day on Tuesday the 21st of May. Program of the day will be posted to parents by St. Kevin's.

Children's Mass - in St. Mary's Church on Saturday the 18th of May where Miss Cadden's class will lead the liturgy. P.4-7 children will lead the choir, P.1-3 children will bring their Grow In Love books to mass. There will be some of the P.7 class taking their Confirmation Pledge at this mass too.

First Holy Communion - The children of St. Mary's will receive their First Holy Communion at 11am on Saturday the 18th of May in St. Mary's Church. We would ask as many children as possible from P.5-P.7 make themselves available to participate in the school choir for this mass.

The P.4 class are invited back to the school immediately after communion for a special celebration which is being organised by the PTA.

P.7's Transition Programme - EA Youth Service will be in school on Tuesday 30th April and Tuesday 7th May, providing a programme to the primary 7 pupils in order to help prepare them for the move from Primary School into Post-Primary School. The Programme aims to address hopes and fears, confidence, resilience and self-esteem building.

School Trip - P.6 & P.7 children will travel to Balmoral Agricultural Show as part of their topic this term "Farming" on Thursday the 16th of May. Children will depart school at 8.30am and return at 4.30pm.

School Trip - P.3 & P.4 children will travel to Enniskillen Cinema and Lakeland Forum on Monday 10th of June.

School Trip - P.5 - P.7 children will travel to Lisburn Leisureplex, Boston Diner and the Cinema on Tuesday 11th of June. Further details to follow in June.

Charity Christmas and Easter Raffle - Congratulations to the children who raised £1070 for their chosen charity this year, "Cancer Fund For Children". Thank you to Rebecca Oates who visited the school on behalf of the charity and received the much needed funds.

School Tests - We would like to remind parents that classes P.2 - 6 will be doing end of year tests over a number of weeks beginning in May. In order for the children to do their best it is important that they are well rested and have had a good night's sleep. This is particularly difficult with the longer evenings but it's in the children's best interests.

Move Up Day - This will take place on **Tuesday the 25th of June**. From 9.30am to 12pm each pupil will go to the class which they will be a member of in September 2024. Our new P.1 class will also be present in school on this day. All P.7's will be in their new school that day.

Cycling Proficiency - will continue for P7's on Thursday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm during May and conclude on 23rd May. Children can leave their bikes in school during the 6 weeks.

Homework Club - will run for the P6's until the end of term on Mondays 3pm - 4.30pm

Leaver's Assembly - Thursday 20th of June in the school dining hall at 4.30pm.

GAA Cumann na mBunscol

Congratulations to Boy's Gaelic football team who reached the finals of the regional blitz in Brewster Park on Monday 13th May. We wish them all well.

Congratulations to Jude Mc Coy P.7 who demonstrated his excellent football skills in a skills competition in April and was selected as one of two players from Co. Fermanagh to play in the exhibition game at half time during the All Ireland Semi Final.

Congratulations to Anthony Mc Dermott P.7 who demonstrated his excellent hurling skills in a skills competition in April. Anthony achieved second in the whole county but narrowly misses out on playing in Croke Park as only one place allocated to the boys' hurling in Fermanagh this year.

A wonderful achievement by both boys and we are all very proud of them.

School Meals cost £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week to be paid at the **beginning of the week please**. Child/Children's name should be clearly written on envelope.

Musical Pathways - £10 per term. Term 3 now due.