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Welcome back everyone to another new School Year. We hope you all had a very relaxed, enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the school routine again.

We give a very special welcome to our new pupils:

P.1 - Aoife Allen, Oran Brogan, Dylan Crane, Ada Donnelly, Maeva Gilmore, Jayden Grier McCaffrey, Holly Hanna, Sean Hickey, Ceállach Kearns, Neasa Larkin, Fionán Maguire, Sophie Maguire, Orlaith McCusker, Brodie McGovern, Dáithí McGready, Mason Owens, Isla Reihill, Willow Rennick, Lily Rice, Noah Rice, Layla Trimble, Bonnie Woods and Alfie Prescott in P5
We wish you all much happiness on your journey through the classes in St. Mary's Primary School.

CLASS ARRANGMENTS FOR 2022-2023

P.1 - Mrs. O Hanlon / Miss Mc Caughey (Fri)
P.2 - Mrs Mohan
P.3 - Mrs King
P.4 - Ms Gordon / Miss Mc Caughey (Wed)
P.5 - Miss Cadden
P.6 - Miss Maguire
P.7 - Mr. Prunty / Miss Mc Caughey (Mon & Tues)

Beginning of Year School Mass

Canon Jimmy will celebrate our Beginning of Year School Mass on **Wednesday 2nd October at 11am** in St. Mary's Church Maguiresbridge. If you are available, we invite all parents and extended family to join with us as we celebrate a new school year.

School Photographer

The School Photographer will visit the school on Tuesday the 1st of October. This is the only visit the photographer will make to the school this academic year. Please let the school office know if you want a family photograph so that we can arrange appropriate timings.

Musical Pathways

We are delighted to report that the P.1-4 children will take part in the fantastic music programme of Musical Pathways weekly on Wednesday mornings. The cost of the programme is £10 per child per term. The programme begins on Wednesday 4th September.

School Closures

The school will be closed for pupils on Monday the 30th of September for Staff Development.

Music Tuition

Music Tuition for P5-P7 with Mrs Mc Aleer will begin on Thursday the 5th of September.

Texting Service

It is very important that the school has your up to date mobile number so that you receive school texts. If you have changed your mobile number, please inform the office as soon as possible.

School Times

The School day begins with class at **9.10am**, please ensure your child is in school before this time. Children should not arrive at school before **8.45am** unless they are attending Breakfast Club which runs in the dining hall from 8am - 8.45am

Break Time is from 10.45am - 11am and 11am - 11.15am.

Lunch is from 12.30pm to 1.15pm.

The school day ends at **2pm** for P.2's (& P.1's normally) and **3pm** for P3-7.

Uniform

We would like to praise all parents in their efforts to have their children so wonderfully attired in their school uniform, they look great. I would also like to thank parents for ensuring their children are **wearing black shoes**. However, having listened to the children, we are happy to allow the children to wear **black trainers** but **they must be black, no flashy lines, lights, stars etc.**

Please ensure your child's uniform including spare uniforms are clearly labelled.

Cycle to School Week

We are encouraging families to take part in our Cycle to School Week from Monday 23rd - Friday 27th September 2024. It is a great opportunity for families to save money, get healthier and protect the environment, as well as having lots of fun on the journey to school.

Absences

If your child is absent, please contact the school on the first morning of absence. It is also important that your child brings in a signed note to explain their absence on their return to school.

Please take note that if a child is required to leave early or start later for a specific reason an explanation is required and teachers are required to record this absence.

Pantomime Trip

The P.3 - P7 children will be travelling to the Opera House in Belfast to see 'Peter Pan' in Pantomime on **Friday 6th December**. On the same day or shortly afterwards the P.1 & P.2 children will go to the cinema in Enniskillen. The cost of the panto trip per pupil is **£25**, to be paid in the office by the first week in November.

School Council /Eco Council

During the month of September P.2-7 classes will be holding elections for both School Councils.

School Meals

School Meals cost **£2.60** per day or **£13** per week **to be paid at the beginning of the week please.** Please access the menu on the school website.

Free School Meals

If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals, please ensure you complete an application form which is available from the school office or the EA website. Even if your child does not take dinners or only occasionally it is important for our DE funding that all children eligible to receive Free School Meals are registered to do so.

Children's Mass

Canon Jimmy has invited us to participate in our first monthly Children's Mass of the new school year on Saturday 6th October at 6pm in St. Mary's Church Maguiresbridge. The P.7 children will lead the liturgy, P.5 & 6 children will participate in the choir, P.1-P.3 children will be invited to the altar to show their work from their Grow In Love books and P.4 children will bring their Holy Communion Candle.

After School Club

Homework Club: for P.7 pupils on Tuesdays and Thursdays, commencing Tuesday 3rd September from 3pm to 4:30pm. **This club is only for those children who intend to do the Transfer Test.** If you are parent of a child who is doing the transfer test and you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Prunty

Foundation Fun (from 2pm -3pm)

Foundation Fun will commence for **P.1 children** on **Monday 11th September**. The cost is **£2 per child per day**. Any profit made from this after school provision will be specifically used to purchase resources for the Foundation Stage.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We would like to inform parents at this early stage that P.2 - P.7 Parent Teaching Meetings will take place in a blended way again this year i.e Face to Face or phone if preferred, after school during the weeks commencing **14th October** and **21st October**. Teachers will send out a note at the beginning of October detailing the exact time of your meeting, we would ask you to try your best to keep the appointment you are given.

P.1 PT meetings will take place after Hallowe'en, week 11th of November.

We are a Healthy Eating School and Nut Free school so please remember the children should have no crisps, chocolate, sweets, nuts etc. Check on the school website for the Healthy Eating Policy or speak to Rita or your class teacher.

