

# St. Mary's Primary School



## School Closures

School will close on **Thursday 18th April** for Easter and reopen **Monday 29th April** for Term 3. School will be closed on **Monday 6th May 2019**.

## Fundraising

Sincere thanks to all parents, families and friends of St. Mary's PS for generously supporting fundraising during Term 2; Smartie tubes, Family Bingo 'Guess the Number of Sweets'. All proceeds will benefit your child/children by going towards additional provision and resources for the school, eg. Swimming, Drama, RELAX KIDS,



Primary 4 pupils, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, on Saturday 4th May 2019 at 12pm, in St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore



The Sacrament of First Communion is being celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Donaghmore, on Saturday 4th May at 12.00pm. We need parents' assistance and support, with refreshments, in the Torrent Complex. We want to make this a memorable occasion for the children, so *please make an effort to come along and help in some way.*

## School Assembly

Miss Mullin's P5 Class will present an Assembly on **Wednesday 17th April** at **1.30pm**. All parents, families and friends are welcome to attend.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To all our pupils who represented St. Mary's, at the recent Parish Basketball Tournament, representing our school, very successfully. As always our pupils did us proud!!



### What is it?

The Daily Mile is simple and free and gets children out of the classroom for fifteen minutes every day to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate in the classroom

P5-7 pupils have been trialling The Daily Mile, in school, this week.. In term 3, P1-4 pupils will, also, participate everyday. The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children - regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances.

Please ensure your child wears/brings suitable footwear to school for running/jogging/walking. Many thanks in advance for your support!

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The 'After School Programme' for the Summer Term will begin on Tuesday 7th May. We hope as many P1-P7 children as possible can avail of what is on offer.



Travelwise NI's 'Walk to School Week' is taking place from Monday 20th - Friday 24th May. This is an initiative to encourage children to take to their feet and discover the health, social and environmental benefits of walking to school.

We are aware that it is not possible for the majority of our pupils to walk to school, so this year again, the staff are going to provide an opportunity for the children to participate in this initiative. Staff will be at the Gables car park from 8.40- 8.55am each morning from **Monday 21st - Thursday 24th May**, to walk the children to school. Please note that we will be leaving the Gables car park at 8.55am sharp so do not drop your child off at the car park unless staff are there.

So encourage your children to get their walking shoes on and get outdoors!

### Term 3 Monthly charges for Snack

	MILK	FRUIT (includes Toast)	TOAST (only)
MAY	£2.00	£5.00	80p
JUNE	£1.70	£4.25	60p
Total for Term	£3.70	£9.25	£1.40

As advised by the Education Authority we must insist that ALL dinner monies are now paid by the end of each week. No Exceptions!!

## Family Fun Easter

## Bingo Night

**on Tuesday 16th April At 7.00pm**

**Everyone welcome!**

*Proceeds to fund RELAX Kids in Term 3.*



## Cycling Proficiency

The children will be instructed by Mrs Girvan. All pupils need a bicycle in good working order with a bell fitted. A helmet is required by all pupils.

## Outdoor Play

We are keen to continue to develop Outdoor Play opportunities at school for our pupils. With this in mind, we are asking, again, for Tractors, Scooters, Balance bikes, Trikes & Bikes (with & without stabilizers) that you or someone you know no longer uses or needs. These items need to be in good working order, due to health & Safety. Also, if anyone has helmets that no longer fit their children please send them into school. We will be very grateful for all donations. Many thanks in advance!!



## Swimming

Swimming has been cancelled in term 3 due to Dungannon Leisure Centre being closed for refurbishment.



## END OF YEAR MASS

End of Year/P7 Leavers' Mass will be held on Tuesday 18th June @ 1pm.

This will be an opportunity to celebrate with our P7 pupils and look back on their Life in St. Mary's!!

**SAVE THE DATE**

## The Rosary

During the month of May the children will continue to say one decade of the Rosary together before lunch. Please remind your child/ren to bring their Rosary beads to school everyday during May.



Please contact Majella, in the office, if your details change, ie. Phone number, address, etc., as we need to keep our records up-to-date.



## Special Events During April/May

- EA Music Tuition, Drama, RELAX Kids & Gaelic will continue during term 3
- Non-Uniform Day on Friday 3rd May. £1 Donation.
- All pupils will take part in **The Rosary** during the month of May.
- **Standardised tests** will be administered in May.
- Pupils will take part in the '**Big Spring Clean**' in term 3.
- The annual **Book Fair** will take place from Friday 10th May until Thursday 16th May.
- KS2 Pupils will participate in **Tyrone Go Games Blitz** in May
- P6-7 will attend '**Bee Safe**' event on 23rd May

More school news from St.Mary's PS in the new year!