

St. Mary's Primary School



EXTREME WEATHER (Hopefully not!)

In the event of a disruption to the school caused by extreme weather (such as heavy snowfall) the prime concern of our school will always be the **health and safety of the pupils, parents and staff.**

In keeping with our school policy, the decision to close the school will be made **before 8.40 am** and, if possible, will be made **the night before** with an aim of providing working parents with more time to find alternative and suitable supervision for children.

PLEASE NOTE: When a decision has been made to close the school, the announcement will be made as follows

1. Firstly, using the **school text messaging service** (Please notify the school if your mobile number changes)
2. Secondly, on the **school website:**
www.stmaryslisbuoy.com. & Facebook Page

During severe weather, parents and staff should always check these sources before travelling to school.

Apologises for any inconvenience caused.

First Communion will take place on
Saturday 9th May 2020 at 12.00noon,
in St. Patrick's Church,
Donaghmore



P4 pupils will celebrate this special Sacrament with the pupils from Blessed Patrick O'Loughran PS, Castlecaulfield

The children will celebrate their First Penance on
Tuesday 31st March, at 7.30pm, in St. Patrick's
Church, Donaghmore

Ceremony of Light

In preparation for the Ceremony of Confirmation (Friday 20th March),
Primary 7 children will take part in the
Ceremony of Light, on
Tuesday 11th February
at 7.30pm, in
St. John the Baptist Church,
Galbally



Happy
New Year!

Welcome Back to Term 2!



Happy New Year and welcome back everyone to a new term! Hopefully you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break. I know Santa will have visited you all!

Let's keep up the very hard work, make sure we continue to do our best and make the most of every moment!

Important
DATE!

School Assembly

St. Mary's will present a whole school assembly, to celebrate CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK, on Friday 31st January at 1.30pm. This will be followed by a St. Brigid's Crosses Making Workshop.

We thank you for your attendance in the past and, once again, all parents, grandparents, families and friends are welcome to attend.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The 'After School Programme' for the Spring Term will begin on Monday 20th January. We hope as many P1-P7 children as possible can avail of what is on offer. Please complete After-schools form and return to school next week.



Events During January

- Drama resumes for all pupils in Term 2
- P5-7 Gaelic coaching continues with Tyrone County Coach Conor Gormley
- RELAX Kids continue until mid term.
- P7 pupils will have a series of Post Primary School Talks
- P7 pupils have been invited to attend 'A Taster Day' in Holy Trinity College, Cookstown on Monday 20th January.
- P5-6 pupils begin their Shared Education Lessons with Newmills PS.
- Non-Uniform Day Friday 7th February.



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

St. Joseph's Grammar School's students Leah McVeigh & Anna McKenna will travel to Cambodia as part of the Habitat for Humanity programme in May. Once there, the students will help to build two houses for the local people. Leah and Anna currently volunteer in St. Mary's, every Wednesday, as part of the Community Links programme. We would like to support the girls with their fundraising efforts, so all donations from our next Non-Uniform Day, on Friday 7th February, will go towards this

A special thank you to everyone who donated to our St. Vincent DePaul Christmas Hamper Appeal. The hampers were collected and distributed in our local community before Christmas. Your generosity made Christmas a little brighter for local families for local families. Thank you!!



Stars of the Future!

Well done to all pupils for their wonderful contribution to our Christmas Show. The quality of performance was exceptionally high and all pupils deserve tremendous credit for the enjoyment they provided to the packed audience. Thanks to parents, also, for assisting with costumes for the show and for the lovely feedback received by staff. All photos are on our website.



Term 2 Monthly charges for Snack

	MILK	FRUIT (includes Toast)	TOAST (only)
JANUARY	£1.90	£4.75	80p
FEBRUARY	£1.70	£4.25	60p
MARCH	£1.90	£4.75	80p
APRIL	£1.50	£3.75	40p
Total for Term	£7.00	£17.50	£2.60



On behalf of all staff, sincere thanks to parents for their kind words of thanks, thoughtful cards and lovely gifts at Christmas.

Your kindness is very much appreciated by all staff.

More school news from St.Mary's PS next month!