

St. Mary's Primary School



Ambassadors for the School Merry Christmas



Pictured are P7 pupils; Kitty, Pol, Sean, Caitlin, Teigan, Laura, Michael and Ella-Rose (missing: Charlie);, who assisted at our recent Open Day. The pupils did the 'Meet & Greet', talked to our visitors, played with the new children and also presented a Powerpoint showcasing everything St. Mary's has to offer to our prospective parents and pupils. The pupils did us very proud, as always!!



This year the closing date for enrolment applications to Primary School, noon on 31st January 2020. Submission is through an online portal on the Education Authority website, which opens on Tuesday 7th January at 12noon.

School Closures
Children will finish at 11am on **Friday 20th December** for the Christmas holidays and will return to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2020.**



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Afternoon Tea in aid of Meningitis Research.

P1-2 pupils recently, presented a cheque for £1090 to Sinead and Paula.



School Christmas Show

The schools' Annual Christmas Show will take place on **Tuesday 17th December at 10.00am & 7.00pm**. All pupils will go home at **2.00pm** on this day. Pupils are asked to be in school by 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served from this time. This year P1-2 pupils will present the Nativity 'Whoops-a-daisy Angel' followed by P3-4's 'Midwife Crisis'! After a short interval P5-7 pupils will entertain everyone with 'A-ladd-in Trouble!'. Admission £5. There will be a Christmas raffle on the night. All proceeds towards school



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our SVP appeal this year. Darragh, Martin and Pat collected our hampers. Darragh spoke to the children and asked us to pass on their sincerest thanks. It's greatly appreciated. Well done everyone!!





St. Mary's newly elected 'Eco team for 2019-20: Ella-rose, Teigan, Ellie, George, Nathan, Ceili, Leyla, Aoife, Issac and Jasmine. The team have already been busy planting winter bedding in the school grounds and promoting the use of refillable water bottles in school, following a visit from the WATERBUS.

Eco Team

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meet our first 'School Council' in St. Mary's Primary School: Michael, Kitty, Thomas, Emma, Gabriel, Jacob, Eva, Sophie, Codie and Charlie. The School Council will be the 'pupil voice'. They will meet regularly to discuss pupils' suggestions, new initiatives and proposals

Adverse Weather Conditions

Due to the possibility of adverse weather over the next few months we have a policy in place to deal with this. If the school is unable to open due to these conditions, parents will be notified in the following ways

- Text Messaging Service (Please notify the school if your mobile number changes)
- Website/Facebook



Our annual trip to the Pantomime will take place on Wednesday 18th December. Pupils and family members are asked to meet at the Gables Restaurant at 11.30am. Please park at the **back** of the Gables car park to accommodate customer parking. We will return to the Gables at 5.30pm approximately. **All children are to wear full school uniform.** Many thanks!

Special Events During December/January

- **Christmas Dinner** will take place on Friday 13th December. Children are asked to wear their Christmas jumpers. All pupils will go home at 2pm.
- **Dress rehearsal** on Monday 16th December. All children will stay in school until 3pm.
- The **School Christmas Show** will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 10.00am and 7.00pm sharp. Please extend the invitation to family and friends!
- Pupils will attend '**Beauty and the Beast**' in the Grand Opera House, Belfast, on Wednesday 18th December.
- Thursday 19th December will be **Christmas Party Day**. Children are asked to wear their Christmas Jumpers. All pupils will stay until 3pm.
- **Term 2** begins on Tuesday 7th January 2020
- **Non-Uniform Day** on Friday 10th January. £1 donation for school funds.
- **RELAX KIDS** will begin on Friday 10th January for all pupils.
- **P5-6 Shared Education** lessons begin on Wednesday 15th January 2020.
- P7 pupils will attend a **Taster Day** in Holy Trinity College, Cookstown, on Monday 20th January 2020.
- Staff & pupils will celebrate **Catholic Schools' Week** with a whole school assembly on Friday 31st January at 1.30pm followed by a St. Brigid's Cross making workshop. Everyone welcome!!

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