

# St. Mary's Primary School



## A BIG Welcome to Our New Pupils in Primary 1

Pictured are the new Primary 1 pupils who have started school. We welcome Eimear, Annie, Rose, Emily, Sarah, Darsáí, Finn, Kaiden, Arthur & Aidan.

We hope that our new pupils settle in and enjoy their Primary 1 year here in St. Mary's PS.



### The New School Day

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for their support during the first month back at school. Everyone is very glad to be back and we are working extremely hard to keep everyone safe in their class bubble! We appreciate your co-operation with our new daily routines; social distancing, hand sanitising/ temperature checks, , one-way drop off & pick up system, return of homework/ reading folders on particular days, online homework through Google Classroom, monies in clearly marked envelopes. Thanks!

### School Assembly

Miss Mullin's P5-6 Class will present an Assembly on

Friday 23rd October at 1.15pm.

All parents, families and friends are asked to watch it on our website/FB Page.

### School Uniform

Parents are asked to ensure that their child's name is clearly marked on all school uniform, coats, lunch boxes and P.E. clothing. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.  
Many thanks in advance.

### SCHOOL MOTTO

'Caring, Sharing and Learning Together'



Please keep up-to-date through our website

### School Closure

The school will close  
Half Day **Wednesday 28th**,  
**Thursday 29th** (School Devt Day) &  
**30th October**, **Monday 2nd**, **Tuesday 3rd** & **Wednesday 4th November**.  
Please note change of SD Day Date:  
**Monday 5th October** changed to  
**Monday 30th November**

# Sickness in School

Should your child feel unwell in school, we will contact you to let you know and, if necessary, arrange for collection. It is therefore vitally important that the school has up-to-date contact details for parents— as well as a contact number in case of Emergency. Please contact Majella in the school office if your details change. It is also the policy of our school to make contact with parents should your child receive a bump to the head. It is then left to parents' own discretion whether the child stays in school or is taken home.

If your child feels unwell in the morning, before school, please keep them at home!!

## WHAT IS CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a brain injury which is usually caused by hitting your head or a fall. Concussions must be taken seriously. It is important to be able to recognise the signs and know how to respond.

## SPOT THE SIGNS

If your child has been hit on the head or fallen, you need to look out for signs like these:

- A headache
- Feeling dazed or confused
- Feeling drowsy or sleepy
- Feeling sick
- Feeling 'irritable' or 'in a fog'
- Having difficulty remembering things
- Any other change in normal behaviour

Concussion does not always involve losing consciousness; you must take any of these symptoms seriously.

## Oxford Owl Maths

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/)

Check out 'Oxford Owl Maths' online – a free website to help support you and your child with maths ideas. Designed for children aged 3-7, you'll find age-specific maths advice, tips and lots of fun ideas, games and e-books to help you enjoy maths with your child.

A website is also available to develop children's reading at:

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/)



**PLEASE  
RETURN  
YOUR  
BOOKS  
HERE**

Please return all school reading books & library books that were lent to children during Lockdown. These are needed for the new school year and are very expensive to replace!!

## Linguistic Phonics

The school adopts a 'Linguistic' approach to the teaching of Phonics. This approach provides children with strategies to help them problem-solve words for both reading and writing.

There are five principles that underpin Linguistic Phonics:

1. Sounds are represented by letters.
2. A sound may be presented by one or more letter.
3. The same sound can be represented in more than one way.
4. Longer words are made up of syllables.
5. The same spelling may represent more than one sound.

Listen to the sounds at  
[www.focusonphonics.co.uk/sound.htm](http://www.focusonphonics.co.uk/sound.htm)

## Get prepared for P.E.!

Please ensure your child wears their P.E. Kit to school on their PE day.

*We thank parents for your co-operation with this.*

### School PE Uniform

Plain white round neck T-Shirt & navy shorts  
or  
School sports kit: jersey & shorts

Trainers

Navy tracksuit bottoms & school sweatshirt