

# St. Mary's Primary School



## ST. MARY'S P.S. CARLAND

### OPEN ENROLMENT September

Unfortunately this year, due to the current restrictions in place, we are unable to host our annual OPEN DAY.

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 or if you know of any new parents/families - who have children of school age - and that are not familiar with the school, please ask them to consider arranging an appointment to meet the staff and view the school. This will be done while adhering to the current safety guidelines.  
Many thanks, in advance!

The application procedure is through an online portal available on the Education Authority website. EA will publish information on their website about admissions procedure and admissions criteria on Friday 18th December. The portal opens on Thursday 7th January at 12noon. The closing date for P1 enrolment forms is noon on Friday 29th January 2020. When an application is submitted, the child's birth certificate must be provided to the school. Parents will be notified on Wednesday 28th April of their child's P1 placement.

A Prospectus is available on request.  
Thank you for your continuing support.

School will be Closed  
**Monday 30th November**  
for  
School Development Day.

Children may save with the Credit Union in school. Please contact the office for further details.



## Weather Wear



As the colder, wetter weather draws in, please ensure your child wears suitable clothing & footwear to school, ie warm, waterproof coat (preferably with a hood); hat; gloves, & scarf. Due to the restrictions placed on school, ie, class bubbles, social distancing, etc. the children need to be outside everyday at breaktime & lunchtime, irrespective of the weather!!

Thank you for your understanding.

Children should wear their school jumper to school on PE days. Thank you!

## P3-4 Assembly

Important  
DATE!

Mrs Hughes' class will present an Assembly on

**Friday 27th November at 1.15pm.**

This will be shown on the school website & Facebook Page, followed by our PSG's Carland Club draw. Good luck everyone!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Unfortunately this year, due to the current restrictions, imposed by Covid-19, St. Vincent de Paul, are not able to distribute hampers.

This is a very worthwhile charity, which needs our support.

So, if you feel you would still like to make a monetary donation, feel free to call with Brendan or Gerry at the local Dungannon Branch.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

16 Lisnagowan Road, Carland, Dungannon, County Tyrone BT70 3LH Tel./Fax.: 028 8776 1515

## COVID-19

In these current, ever changing times, all of us, must remain vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19, and understand what actions are required should someone develop symptoms either at home or in the school setting. If your child or anyone in your household develops any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 they should stay home and arrange to get tested as soon as possible –

- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A high temperature/fever – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A loss of or change in sense of smell or taste

Please ensure your child follows good Hygiene routines, especially before coming to school in the morning. We can fight this virus TOGETHER!



### *The Giving Machine*

*Please remember to use the Giving Machine, if you are purchasing items online. Every time you buy online you will generate free cash donations for St. Mary's*

*Many thanks in advance!*



## Christmas in Carland

This year our Christmas celebrations in school will have to be a little different to other years. We will do our best to ensure the pupils have an enjoyable, safe build up to the Festive Season.

• Christmas Dinner will be served on Friday 11th December. This must be ordered by Thursday 10th December please. Children should wear their Christmas jumpers or something 'Christmassy' on this day.

• Children are asked to wear their Christmas jumpers on Monday 21st December for our Christmas Party Day.

• This year our Christmas Show will be shown on our school website & FB Page. P1-2 pupils will perform a Nativity play, while P3-7 pupils will entertain us with poems & songs



## 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
- BBC NI Digital Text Service & NI news website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/ninews>

## Safeguarding Team



*Pictured above are Mrs Girvan, the school's Designated Teacher for Child Protection, Mrs Hughes, the Deputy Designated teacher and Mrs Martin, School Principal.*

## School Photos

Jim Hamill will be in school on Wednesday morning 2nd December to take P1 & P7 school photographs. All social distancing, face covering & 15 minute close contact regulations will be adhered too!



## Flu Vaccine

Children will receive their Flu vaccine in school, on Thursday 3rd December. This will be administered by the School Nursing Team.



Remember the Clothes Bank is still available for use in the school grounds.