

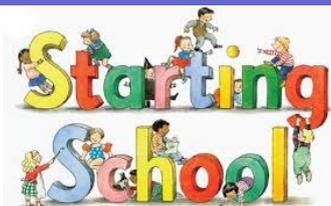
St. Mary's Primary School



Ambassadors for the School Merry Christmas



Pictured are our P7 pupils who will assist at our upcoming Open Day. The pupils will 'Meet & Greet', talk to our visitors, play with the new children and also present a Powerpoint Presentation showcasing everything St. Mary's has to offer to our prospective parents and pupils.



This year the closing date for enrolment applications to Primary School, is noon on 27th January 2023.

Submission is through an online portal on the Education Authority website, which opens on Tuesday 10th January at 12noon.

School Closures
Children will finish at 11am on **Thursday 22nd December** for the Christmas holidays and will return to school on **Monday 9th January 2023**.

Family Fun Bingo Night
Thank you to everyone who came along to our Bingo Night. It was great to have the school and community together again! No one went home a millionaire, but we all had good 'craic'. See you at the next one in Spring!



More photos on the website.

Panto Trip
P5-7 pupils had a lovely morning at the Bardic Theatre watching 'Aladdin', last Friday. Maeve even got to go on stage!



School Christmas Show

The schools' Annual Christmas Show will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 10.00am & 7.00pm. All pupils will go home at 2.00pm on this day. Pupils are asked to be back in school by 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served from this time. This year P1-2 pupils will present the Nativity 'Away in a Manger', followed by Songs & Poems by P3-7 pupils. Admission £5. There will be a Christmas raffle on the night. All proceeds towards school funds. Please come along for an enjoyable evening's entertainment.



The Santa Run



Lantern Making Workshop

A special word of thanks to Aisling & Grainne for facilitating a most enjoyable lantern making workshop for all out pupils. Each child made a lantern to take home for the parade through Donaghmore village on Sunday 4th December.





St. Mary's 'Eco team for 2022-23:

Isaac, Sarah, Nathan, Kane, Natasha, Emily,
Lucy, Kaiden, Oskaras, Rose & Katie.

The team have already been busy suggesting ways to make St. Mary's more eco-friendly and planning events for the school year. Our Eco-schools co-ordinator is Miss Mullin.

Eco Team

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meet our 'School Council' for 2022-23:

Eva, Reece, James, Erin, Ryan, Aidan,
Farrah, Clara, Eimear & Niall.

The School Council is the 'pupil voice' in school. They meet regularly with Mrs Hughes to discuss pupils' suggestions, new initiatives and proposals for school.

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 Friday 16th December. Parents at children should arrive at 11.30am. **All children are to wear full school uniform.** Pupils should

eat a little lunch before leaving home.
Many thanks!

Special Events During December/January

- P7 pupils will visit the **Ulster American Folk Park** on **Wednesday 7th December** as part of their WAU.
- **Christmas Dinner** will take place on **Thursday 8th December**. Children are asked to wear their Christmas jumpers. Dinner should be ordered by Wednesday 7th December please.
- **Afterschools** will finish **Thursday 8th December**.
- Children are asked to wear their '**Christmassy**' pyjamas on **Friday 9th December** for our '**Movie Day**'.
- **Dress rehearsal** on **Tuesday 13th December**. All children will stay in school until 3pm.
- The **School Christmas Show** will take place on **Wednesday 14th December** at **10.00am** and **7.00pm sharp**. Please extend the invitation to family and friends! All pupils will go home at 2.00pm.
- **Thursday 15th December** is '**Christmas Cookery & Crafts**' Day. Children are asked to wear their Christmas jumpers.
- Pupils will attend '**Cinderella**' in the **Grand Opera House, Belfast**, on **Friday 16th December** at 1.30pm. Children should wear their full uniform on this day.
- **OPEN DAY** will take place on **Tuesday 20th December** at **10.00am**. Please extend the invitation to all prospective parents. Many thanks!
- **Christmas Party Day** on **Wednesday 21st December**. Children are asked to wear their Christmas jumpers. All children will stay until 3.00pm. There may even be a special surprise for everyone!!
- **Term 2** begins on **Monday 9th January 2023**.
- **Non-Uniform Day** on **Friday 13th January**. £1 donation for school funds.
- **Drama & Mindfulness** will continue in term 2 for all pupils.

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