

**Saint Mary's Primary and Nursery School**  
**School website [www.stmaryspsbellaghy.co.uk](http://www.stmaryspsbellaghy.co.uk)**  
**Newsletter      January 2012**

**Important Dates to Remember:**

Primary Five Assembly-Fri 27<sup>th</sup> January  
Primary Three Assembly- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Primary Two Assembly- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Primary One Assembly- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Primary Four Assembly- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Primary Seven Leaving Ceremony-( to be confirmed )  
Nursery Graduation- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Sports Day : Fri 22<sup>th</sup> June  
Prize-Giving : Tue 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Catholic Schools Week : Mon 30<sup>th</sup> -Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

Primary Seven would like to celebrate by hosting a special **Grandparents Day** on Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. P7 and their Grandparents are invited to Morning Mass in St. Mary's Chapel followed by fun activities, bingo, craic and dinner in school. More information to follow.

**School Photographs;** Primary Seven will have class photo taken on Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. Any pupil who was absent last time may also have their photograph taken at this time.

**Sacramental Meetings**

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Jan ;7.30pm. Fr. Dolan has organised a Sacramental Talk for parents of Primary 4 and Primary 7 pupils in Parochial Hall,

**At least one parent from each family must attend.**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> March; Primary Seven Service of Light

**Confirmation** - Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April; 5pm.

Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Jan; 7.30pm-Primary 4 Enrolment Ceremony

Thur 29<sup>th</sup> March; 7.30pm-Primary 4 First Confession

**First Holy Communion** -Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11 00am.

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Jan; Primary Five will work alongside Civil Engineer as part of their STEPS programme,(science, technology and engineering in primary schools)

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Feb; Waterboard visit P5 pupils all day as part of STEPS project.

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Feb; Primary 7 will attend Be Safe, Be Seen events at Magherafelt Council Offices.

**Early to bed.....Happy children; happy parents; happy teachers!**

An increasing number of children appear very tired in school. They yawn, stretch and are unable to concentrate on their learning and teaching for much of the morning. This has a major impact on their progress over their time at school. Children need to have a good night's sleep in order to be alert for the day at school.

Please make a big effort to have children in bed early and ready to sleep at a reasonable time.

***School day begins with morning prayer every morning at 9am. Please ensure your child is in school between 8.45 and 8.55am.***

## **Sports / Physical Education/Music in St. Mary's**

An extensive sporting programme has been planned yet again for Term 2, giving all children the opportunity to experience a wide variety of physical education activities. These opportunities are over and above the normal P.E lessons provided by the teachers.

P1-4 will continue to receive Fundamental Skills Coaching weekly, funded by Ulster Council, GAA.

P5/7 will continue to receive Football / Camogie coaching, funded by County Board, GAA.

After-School **football / camogie coaching** will be taken, when the weather improves, each Tue by Mr O Kane and Mrs. Conway from 3pm-4pm.

Primary 7 will attend Meadowbank Sports Arena this term for a wide variety of **Games Coaching**.

Primary 5/6 will receive 6 week **football coaching** programme funded by Active Communities, Sports Council N. Ireland

**Choir** each Wed 3pm-4pm; Mrs. Fegan

**Guitar** each Thur 3pm-4pm: Mrs. Fegan will tutor guitar, free of charge. Pupils will be taken on a first- come, first served basis. Application forms from Mrs. Fegan.

**Milk Money** for Term 2 is £9 and £8 for Term 3

**Violin Tuition** for Term 2 is £35 and £30 for Term 3.

Please put all monies in an envelope, marked with child's name. Correct amounts only as teachers cannot give out change.

St. Vincent De Paul have asked us to tell anyone who has difficulty paying monies/fees may contact school office or St. Vincent De Paul directly through Kevin Toner.

*Thank you so much to all parents for your continued support throughout the year and especially for Xmas hampers and Xmas draw. The Xmas Concert was an incredible success and all concerned were so, so proud of the children!*

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## **Credit Union Poster Competition.**

7 years and under    1<sup>st</sup> Daniel Kelly    2<sup>nd</sup> Luke Diamond    3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Brewster

8-10 years                    1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Diamond    2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie Tsang    3<sup>rd</sup> Meabh Cassidy

## **Design-a Christmas Card Competition.**

Nursery; Cormac Pollard

P.1;        Aislinn McVey

P.2;        Anna McWilliams

P.3;        Loclinn Smith

P.4;        Arwen Fegan

P.5;        Aoife Convery

P.6;        Meabh Cassidy

P.7        Sorcha Craig