



Saint Mary's Primary School and Nursery Unit



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December 2018

TERM 1 DATES

31st August – Friday 21st
December (11am finish)

School re-opens after Christmas
on Monday 7th January.

Term 1 SCHOOL CLOSURES

Early closure Thursday 13th Dec
1pm (Christmas Dinner)

Friday 21st December
Early Closure 11am (All Classes)

UP-COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS SHOW DATES:

TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER
P4-7 'The Greatest Story of All'
7.30PM

At the Parish Hall. No tickets
necessary. Pay at the door.

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER
P1 Christmas Prayer Service
9.15am
and
Nursery Christmas Sing Along
10.45am

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday 13th December £2.60
(Children finish at 1pm)

NURSERY AND PRIMARY ENROLMENT

There is a **NEW DIGITAL APPLICATION PROCESS**. Please log
on to: www.eani.org.uk/admissions for more information.

NURSERY PLACES

For those born between
2nd July 2015 - 1st July 2016

PRIMARY PLACES

for those born between
2nd July 2014 - 1st July 2015

OPEN MORNING

Monday 17th December 2018
9.15-10.30am

For parents and children considering
applications to the Nursery Unit or Primary
School in September 2019. There will be a
brief overview of the digital application
process at 9.15am in the school hall.



Application Process:
Wednesday 2nd January until 12.00
midnight on Thursday 31st January 2019

Childhood is a unique experience.

Respect it.

Enjoy it.

Protect it.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSALS

P4-7 will present 'The Greatest Story of All' on Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm

We hope to have dress rehearsals at the Parish Hall next Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th morning. We ask parents to drop P4-7 pupils off at the hall on both mornings. If this is not possible, we will provide transport from the school. The hall will be open from 8.10am. Kirsty, Miss McAleese and Mrs McLea will be supervising.

ENTRANCE: £4 Adult
£3 Under 16s
£3 Concessions

Car Parking - There is another event on at the chapel at 6.30pm on the same night. We ask parents to be considerate of others when parking their car.

P1 CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE

Primary 1 parents/guardians are invited to a short nativity prayer service in the school hall on Tuesday 18th December at 9.15am.

NURSERY SING ALONG

Nursery parents/guardians are invited to a short Christmas Sing Along in the school hall on Tuesday 18th December at 10.45am.

P2-3 ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

The classes marked the beginning of Advent with a beautiful sing-along carol service. They explained the real meaning of Christmas and placed the figures in our crib. Well done boys and girls!

PRIMARY 7

Confirmation:

9th February 12 noon St Mary's Church

OPEN NIGHTS FOR POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Primary 6 & 7 pupils are invited to attend

St Conor's College Clady	TBC
St Mary's Grammar Magherafelt	22 nd & 23 rd January
St Patrick's College Maghera	15 th & 16 th January 4.30-6pm
St Pius College Magherafelt	TBC
Sperrin Integrated College Magherafelt	23 rd January 7-9pm
Rainey College Magherafelt	17 th January 7-9pm

PRINT MY CHRISTMAS CARD

Christmas cards orders are currently being collated by Mrs Fegan. If you would like to place an order, please return to the class teacher by Friday 7th December



ANTI-BULLYING POSTER WINNERS

Well done for all who entered the 'Respect' Poster competition. Here are our prize winners!



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE/HAMPERS



A red raffle sheet for our annual raffle has been sent home to each family. It would be appreciated if every family could make an effort to sell at least one sheet as all the children benefit from new resources, bus subsidies, pantomime etc. purchased from School Funds.

The draw will take place on Wednesday 19th December.

HAMPERS:

We would be grateful for donations of non-perishable items for the School Christmas hampers and SVP. Please send to school on or before **Friday 14th December**.

ECO

EUROPEAN WASTE REDUCTION WEEK



Miss Bradley held a special assembly in the school to talk to the children about how they can recycle at home and at school. The ECO team are continuing to monitor the efficient use of energy in each class. The most efficient class will receive their prize before Christmas. We appreciate the advice and support provided by Mr John Murtagh from the Mid-Ulster Council. Our school are currently collecting used batteries for safe disposal by the council. Please encourage your child to take part in the initiative.

CAROL SINGING

MEADOWLANE SHOPPING CENTRE

MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2PM

The girls and boys are travelling to Meadowlane Shopping Centre in Magherafelt to sing carols and raise money for charity. If any parents are available, come along and support us!

All choir members are asked to be in full school uniform on that day. Girls with long hair will have ribbons added at school.



THURSDAY CHOIR

Choir dates for December:

Thursday 6th Dec and
Wednesday 12th Dec

WEATHER REMINDER

As we move further into the winter season, we remind the children to bring coats to school. Doors open at 8.45am and the Morning Club is available from 8.05am for those parents needing an earlier drop off.

MATHLETICS

A huge well done to our super mathematicians for their mental maths skills. Here are our class prize winners:



ROAD SAFETY STRIPE DAY FUN

On Road Safety Week, Mrs Conway organised Stripe Day to promote safety crossing the roads especially coming into the dark evenings. Thank you to parents for your super effort!! Check out the classes on the school website. Huge congratulations to Niamhie Craig P5 who won the Road Safety Art Competition organised by Seamus Higgins Diving School Maghera. Well done Niamhie!

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

With the safety of our pupils, staff and parents at the forefront, in the event of poor weather conditions we ask parents to be mindful of slippery conditions underfoot. If we are forced into a school closure, we will endeavour to

- put a note on the school website www.stmaryspsbellaghy.co.uk
- announce on BBC NI
- text parents using text messaging



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner for all pupils will be this Thursday 13th Dec £2.60. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes and Christmas jumpers
All pupils go home at 1 pm on this day.

CREDIT UNION ART WINNERS

Well done to all classes who entered the competition. The standard of drawings was amazing.
Winners: Grace Curran Patrick McKenna, Cillian Scullion, Cassie Diamond, Annie Donnelly, Carlie Hughes



SHOEBOX APPEAL

On behalf of the Shoebox appeal, we wish to say thank you to all the families who donated to this very worthy cause. Our school collected 63 shoeboxes which are being shipped off for children to receive on Christmas morning.



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Eoin Hughes from all the boys and girls at St Mary's! Eoin came and took away our ugly roof railings. Thank you Owen for your time and support to the school!

Thank you also to the other parents who volunteered their help. Don't worry if you didn't get a chance to help - THE TABLE TENNIS TABLE IS STILL AWAITING CONSTRUCTION!! 😊

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing our school community a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

From all the Staff at
St Mary's

