



# Saint Mary's Primary School and Nursery Unit

October 2020

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## TERM 1 DATES

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August –  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

## Term 1 SCHOOL CLOSURES

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

## HALLOWEEN BREAK

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October –  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
inclusive

## FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are absolutely delighted that the P5 boys and girls received both sacraments. The boys and girls were beautiful and so well prepared. Huge thanks to Monsignor Dolan, Mrs McWilliams and Kelly, Johnny, Nicola, Keira and Bronagh for the beautiful singing, and all the parents for their support. I hope you enjoyed the services as much as we did!

## WELCOME BACK!

### **KEEP YOUR SPACE – KEEP EVERYONE SAFE**

We are absolutely delighted to be back in school! I am so relieved to say that all classes have settled back really well and have established good hygiene routines. By following Government Restart Guidance on staggered start and finish times and using all entrances to the school, parents and children have been adhering to social distancing guidelines. We thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

### **CHANGES TO SCHOOL TIMES**



#### DROP OFF 8.45-9.05am.

As morning routines have been well established, almost all children have been arriving to school between 8.45 - 9.05am and classes have been able to start promptly. Therefore from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, our staggered 'Drop Off' time will officially reduce to 8.45-9.05am.

#### PICK UP CHANGES

We particularly thank P1-4 parents for their patience when collecting children from the front gate. The system has been working very well. From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October please note the changes to 'Pick Up' times for P1-3. P5-7 will remain at 2.45pm. We ask parents to arrive promptly for collection.

*P1 Miss Dobbin	1.45pm
*P2 Mrs Conway	2.00pm
*P2/3 Mrs Fegan	2.15pm
P4 Miss Elliott	2.30pm
P5-7	2.45pm

*\*new times*



#### **MEDICAL FORMS AND CONTACT LISTS**

Next Monday, children will receive a copy of the contact details held in the school. We ask parents/guardians to check it and make amendments where necessary and return it to the class teacher ASAP. It is very important that we have up-to-date contact and medical details.

Childhood is a unique experience.

Respect it.

Enjoy it.

Protect it.

## SCHOOL DINNERS

The price of school dinners is **£2.60** per day. Children should bring their money to the canteen each day in a labelled wallet to ensure money does not go missing. The school menu is attached and also available on school website.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Education Authority has apologised for the delay in processing application forms. If you have applied and are awaiting a reply, please let Nicola in the office know ASAP.

## HEALTHY EATING POLICY

At St Mary's we try to encourage the children to make healthy choices for snack and lunch. The Student's Council have agreed a list of suggested foods which is visible in all classes. No crisps, chocolate, fizzy drinks or cereal bars should be part of a child's snack or lunch.

## MILK

Milk will begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure all money is paid by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October so that orders can be processed.

Parents who had paid for the full school 2019-20 year have £10 credit. This can be used to pay towards milk this term, or parents can request a refund if your child no longer wishes to receive milk.

Oct-Jan	Feb-June
£14	£16



## LUNCH

We ask that all parents/guardians support us in the implementation of this policy at lunchtimes. Packed lunches should not include fizzy drinks, crisps or chocolate bars. We ask for your full co-operation please.

Treat Day – Lunch children are allowed to bring one small treat such as a fun-sized bar in their lunch.

## WATER BOTTLES

All children are encouraged to bring a filled water bottle to school each day. Only water is permitted. No squash or fruit juices are allowed.

## TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

We hope to continue to use our text messaging service. To ensure we reach as many parents as possible, please ensure to check your Priority 1 mobile number is correct.

## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

The children had a brilliant fun active day of learning. Thank you for all your dress-up efforts.

## MUSICAL TUITION!

All music tuition will begin again soon at annual cost of £110 per child



Parents who paid for the entire year 2019/2020 are due a refund of £36.00. This can be used to pay towards 2020/2021 fees or a full refund can be requested if your child no longer wishes to continue with music tuition. Please telephone the school and speak to Mrs Fegan.

## KEY STAGE TWO - PE PROGRAMME

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, the Fit for Life Programme at Meadowbank, along with Swimming Lessons at Greenvale have been postponed. We are unsure when these activities may restart however we will keep you informed of any change to the situation.

## REGISTERING FOR TRANSFER

Please be reminded if you wish your child to sit the Transfer, Closing date for applications is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. More information is available on Rainey or St Mary's Grammar, Magherafelt Website.

## POLICIES

All families received a number of policy overviews such as Child Protection, Internet Policy, Data Protection etc. in September 2019. Due to Covid-19, we will not be sending paper copies home this year. We hope to send copies by Sway on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. All are available on the school website

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On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, all families will receive their annual GDPR declaration which asks for permission for photographs to be used on school website, a tech agreement etc. It is very important that parents/guardians sign forms and return them to school promptly.

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# PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2020 (CHOICE MENU)

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food**

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**Bread, salad,  
fruit, yoghurt,  
milk and water  
are available daily.**

If you require any additional information on allergens or special diet please contact the school in the first instance



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week One</b> 28/09/2020 02/11/2020 30/11/2020	Pasta Bolognese Oven Baked Sausages, Diced Carrots / Gravy Crusty Bread Creamed Potatoes / Salad  Fruit Sponge /Fruit/Custard <b>(H)</b>	Chicken Curry & Rice Naan Bread / Gravy Oven Baked Fish Creamed & Baked Potatoes White Sauce / Salad Peas / sweetcorn  Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt <b>(RMF)</b>	Baked Gammon Stuffing & Gravy Dry Oven Roast Mashed Potatoes / Salad Cabbage / Carrots  Artic Roll / Fruit Salad <b>(H)</b>	Cheese & Tomoato Pizza Chicken & Pasta Bake Creamed & Baked Potatoes Mixed Veg / Broccoli Gravy / Salad  Flakemeal Biscuit & Milkshake <b>(RMF)</b>	Beef Burger & Bap Panini - Chicken/Cheese/Ham Baked beans / Carrots Salad / gravy Chips / Mashed Potatoes  Fresh Fruit / Frozen Yoghurt
<b>Week Two</b> 05/10/2020 09/11/2020 07/12/2020	Brown stew Oven Baked Fish/White sauce Diced carrots / Gravy Creamed / Baby boiled potato Salad  Rice Pudding & Fruit Cheese & Biscuits <b>(H)</b>	Chicken Curry & Rice Beef burger / Naan Bread Broccoli / Gravy / Salad Creamed & Baby Boiled Potatoes  Apple Sponge & Custard Fruit	Roast Loin of Pork Stuffing & Gravy / Salad Dry Oven Roast & Creamed Potatoes Baton Carrot / Cabbage Wholemeal Biscuits Fruit / Custard <b>(H)</b>	Hot Dogs Tuna / Chicken Pasta Bake Creamed Potatoes / Gravy Salad  Fruit Cookie / Fruit Custard <b>(RMF)</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Chicken Goujons Baked beans / Mixed Veg Chips / Mashed Potatoes Salad / Gravy  Frozen Mousse / Fresh Fruit Custard <b>(RMF)</b>
<b>Week Three</b> 12/10/2020 16/11/2020 14/12/2020	Oven Baked Sausages Beef Lasagne / Salad Creamed Potatoes / Salad Baked Potatoes / Gravy Broccoli / Carrots Crusty Bread  Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt	Salmon Fish Cakes Fish Fingers / White Sauce Chicken Tikka & Rice / Salad Peas/Sweetcorn/Naan Bread Creamed Potatoes  Fruit Muffin / Fruit Custard <b>(RMF) (H)</b>	Roast Chicken/Turkey Stuffing & Gravy Dry Oven Roast Mashed Potatoes Cabbage / Carrots Salad  Frozen Mousse / Fruit <b>(RMF) (H)</b>	Hot Chicken Paninis Beef Burgers Mixed Vegetables Creamed Potatoes / Gravy Salad / Gravy  Ice cream & Fruit Chocolate Sauce	Stuffed Bacon Rolls Cheese & Tomatoe Pizza Baked Beans / Peas Salad / Gravy Chips / Mashed Potatoes  Fruit / Milk Pudding / Yoghurt
<b>Week Four</b> 19/10/2020 23/11/2020 21/12/2020	Oven Baked Fish Chicken Curry & Rice Naan Bread / White Sauce Salad / Mixed Veg / Gravy Creamed & Baby Potatoes Date & Oat Cookies Custard / Fruit <b>(RMF)</b>	Chicken Goujons Cottage Pie / Gravy Broccoli / Carrots / Salad Creamed & Baked Potatoes  Frozen Yoghurt / Fruit	Roast Beef / Pork Stuffing & Gravy Dry Oven Roast Creamed Potatoes Turnips / Carrots / Salad Jelly / Fruit Salad / Custard <b>(H)</b>	Pasta Bolognese Cheese & Tomato Pizza Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Creamed Potatoes / Gravy Frozen Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit <b>(H)</b>	Oven baked Sausages Chicken & Cheese Paninis Baked Beans / Sweetcorn Gravy / Salad Chips / Creamed Potatoes Fruit Muffin Fruit / Custard <b>(RMF)</b>

**RMF = Red Meat Free**  
**H = Healthy**

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