



OCTOBER'S EVENTS

SAFETY NOTICE

CHURCH CAR PARK: It is at this time every year that I need to highlight the difficulties and dangers around drop-off and collection of your child/ren. Already this year we have had two incidents where children have been injured in the church car park. I am asking that all parents exercise extreme caution. To alleviate the difficulty of congestion we are suggesting that all parents make a **LEFT TURN** when exiting the car park.

Please use the designated parking spaces or drop off zone. Children may be left in the playground from **8.45am** when supervision commences. No child should be left before this time. Parents who need to drop their child off earlier should register with the Breakfast Club. Teaching will begin at 9am.

WAITING AT THE GATE: Thank you all for your support and cooperation in the mornings whilst leaving your children to school through the main entrance. We would encourage parents not to wait at the gate once they have left their child to school. There are a number of reasons for this. Firstly, by leaving your child off and moving off-site you are freeing up limited parking spaces. Secondly, it can be difficult for children to enter through the gate when parents are gathered there. Finally, as the gate is in close proximity to the entrance of the car park we want to make every effort to ensure that no accidents occur.

We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter as the safety of our children is our primary concern. Please pass this information on to anyone who will be responsible for leaving or collecting your child.

ALLERGIES: As we have a growing number of children with nut allergies we ask that foods containing nut products are not included for lunch or break. Please avoid sending in sesame seed products e.g. sesame snaps, seeded breads or crackers. We also ask that parents do not send cakes in for the class on birthdays as some of these will also contain nuts or nut traces.

Curriculum Morning: Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Curriculum Talks. This year the percentage attendance was 51%, a slight drop from 59% attendance the previous year. Following your feedback we intend, certainly for next year, to continue with this practice of holding the meetings at 9am. Curriculum Booklets and Curriculum Presentation can be printed from the school website <https://stmarysonthehill.co.uk/curriculum/>

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 2 October

P2 Visit to Glengormley Fire Station

Thursday 4 October

P6/7 Hurling Tournament

Friday 5 October

P4 Cinemagic

Wednesday 10th October

P1 Phonics Workshop

Thursday 18 October

Mental Maths/Problem Solving Evening for P3, P4 & P5 parents—7pm

Friday 19th October

Sponsored Bounce & Take Away Lunch

Monday 22 October

P7 Parental Meeting: Residential trip to Carlingford—2pm. Details to follow.

Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 October

School Photographer



Fancy Dress:

Halloween fancy dress for those pupils who wish to participate—26th October 2018.

Fire Safety Day: A representative from the Fire Service will visit the school on Friday 26th October to talk to all pupils regarding Firework Safety.

Halloween Disco: The PTA have organised a disco for P1-P3—1pm—1.45pm. P4-P7—2pm—3pm—Friday 26th October. The cost is £2.50 per pupil or £5.00 per family. This includes a goody bag.

Bounceathon: St Mary's on the Hill PTA Annual Bounceathon will take place on Friday 19th October. This is a great fundraiser for the school and sponsor sheets will follow with your child shortly.

Mid-term Break The school will be closed for one week from Monday 29th October until Friday 2nd November.

CONGRATULATIONS - PUPIL OF THE MONTH

P1A	Lexi Kemp Kaiden McKernon	P1B	Dillon Conlan Noah Jimenez-Dorta
P2A	Clodagh Keenan Joseph Campbell	P2B	Ruairi McMullan Iona Welsh
P3A	Brooke O'Neill Patrick McReynolds	P3B	Deaglan Doran Eabha Doyle
P4A	Aiden McCoy Holly McCusker	P4B	Sonika Sapkota Aodhan O'Neill
P5A	Emily McConville Matthew Brennan	P5B	Phoebe Parker Corey McCann
P6A	Skye Warr Ciaran Porter	P6B	Dylan Adams Freya Cameron
P7A	Ciara Teggart Oliwier Staworzynski	P7B	Odhran Kavanagh Aoife Nugent

Photographs are displayed in the main foyer of the school.

OPEN MORNING

Children who are due to start P1 or Playgroup in September 2019 are invited, along with parents, to attend our open morning on Friday 30th November 2018 at 9.30am–11.00am.

Congratulations to our ECO warriors—with their help we can work together to reduce energy costs.

P2A: Annie Corey, Amelie Pille-Ashe & Tomas Magee
P2B: Lucy Erwin, Joseph Feeney & Adam Grzona
P3A: Michal Langer, Lorcan Smyth & Kacie McMahan
P3B: Grace Doyle, Rory McAlister & Sophie Agnew
P4A: Eva Cassidy, Rory Cheadle & Kayla Clarke
P4B: Ryan Mallon, Jake Kemp & James Hall
P5A: Andrea Bradley & Harry Cranston
P5B: Beth Cassidy Clodagh Smyth & Deaglan Davis-McAtamney
P6A: Adam Wiczorek, Aoife Baxter & Ben McCann
P6B: Emily MacHugh, Joel McNally-Lawlor & Lara Duracova
P7A: Aaron Carter, Alfie Cheadle & Conal Daly
P7B: James McAlister, Cora Burke & Katie McMahan

Maths Week

Many thanks to Mrs Thompson, our Numeracy Coordinator, who has planned an exciting week with the teachers for Maths Week Ireland which runs from Monday 15 October—Friday 19th October 2018.

P3, P4 & P5 Mathematical Parental Workshop on Thursday 18 October @ 7pm.

WAITING CLUB

The Waiting Club is available to all pupils in P1, P2 and P3 and runs daily from 2pm—3pm. The cost of this facility is £2.50 per day. Further details please contact the school office—028 9083 6284.

P3, P4, P5 Parental Maths Workshop

The focus for this year in Numeracy is the continuation of developing problem solving strategies for the pupils. In order for parents to support us in this endeavour we will host a workshop for parents on Thursday 18th October at 7pm in the school assembly hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

P1 Phonics Workshop

A Phonics Workshop will take place for parents of P1 pupils in the school assembly hall, on Wednesday 10th October at 8.45am. Miss Dougan and Miss Taggart will demonstrate a range of phonics activities which your child will be participating in during their P1 year and explain how phonics is taught in the classroom. Coffee/tea will be served after the Phonics Workshop from 9.30am to give parents an opportunity to acquaint themselves with other parents of P1 children. Please note a P1 Blending Workshop will take place on Tuesday 27th November at 8.45am. Further details to follow.

Class Masses

P7—Tuesday 2nd October @ 9.15am
P5—Tuesday 9th October @ 9.15am
P6—Tuesday 16th October @ 9.15am
P4—Tuesday 23rd October @ 9.15am

Parental Assemblies

P3A—Wednesday 3rd October @ 9.30am
P4A—Thursday 12th October @ 9.30am
P3B—Thursday 25th October @ 9.30am

School Council

Good luck to all the boys and girls who are currently writing their manifesto for election to the school council. The pupil voice has made a big difference to what goes on within the school. We look forward to seeing who will be elected and what they will do for the pupil body this year. The deputy mayor will attend the investiture ceremony for the school council on **26th November at 9.30am**. Those parents of children elected are invited to attend. Details to follow.

School Book Fair

Our annual School Book Fair will take place from Monday 22nd—Friday 27th October. Pupils in each class will have an opportunity to browse and purchase books during the school day. Parents are welcome at the following times:

Tuesday – Friday morning 8.45 – 9.15am
Monday – Thursday afternoon 2.10 – 2.30pm &
3.10 – 3.30pm