



# NOVEMBER'S EVENTS

## SAFETY NOTICE

**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.

### **12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week:**

Over the course of the year, in St Mary's on the Hill, we have had a very proactive curriculum which helps us to reduce the number of Bullying episodes recorded in the school. Through the pupils' PDMU programme, circle time activities, religion programme and ICT lessons, we limit the amount of relationship issues that can develop into bullying. We also encourage and seek the help of outside agencies such as the NSPCC to deliver assemblies to support the pupils in our school. During Anti-Bullying week, the pupils will be exploring further, 'What Bullying Means to Me.' The children will participate in a range of activities on the topic of Anti-Bullying.

**St Mary's on the Hill Pastoral Care and Anti-Bullying Policies are available on the school website.**

**Sleepy Hollow** – Sleepy Hollow established wrap around care in primary schools in 2007 and this has grown from strength to strength as children, parents, schools and regulating authorities all now see the benefits of school -age childcare being based within a child's own primary school. They are fully registered and regulated by the local Health and Social Care Trust. Parents can make savings through childcare vouchers, tax credit assistance and student childcare assistance, amongst others. Places are still available from 2pm to 6pm. For further details please contact – Bronagh Creery (Area Manager) 07920 111417 or email: [bronagh@sleepyhollowgroup.com](mailto:bronagh@sleepyhollowgroup.com)

### **Christmas Holiday**

School closes at 12.00 noon on Friday 21st December 2018 and reopens on Monday 7th January 2019

### **School Closure**

Friday 18th January 2019—Parent Teacher Consultations

### **Spring Half Term**

School closed for one week from Monday 18th February and reopens on Monday 22nd February 2019

### **St Patrick's Day**

Monday 18th March 2019

### **Easter Holidays**

School closes at 12.00 noon on Holy Thursday 18th April and reopens on Monday 29th April 2019

### **May Bank Holiday**

School closed on Monday 6th May 2019

### **School Closures**

School will be closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and reopens on Tuesday 28th May 2019

**School Year** finishes at 12.00 noon on Friday 28th June 2019

### **REMINDER:**

#### **PPTC Transfer Test Transfer Test**

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018

#### **AQE Transfer Test**

Dates: 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November & 1st December 2018

**'Do This In Memory' Mass** will be held on Sunday 11th November at 12 noon.

P6—Tuesday 6th November @ 9.15am

P5—Tuesday 20th November @ 9.15am

P4—Tuesday 27th November @ 9.15am

### **Workshops:**

P7 Victorians: Tuesday 6th November 2018

P6 Vikings: Monday 12th November 2018

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising and helping out at the BOUNCEATHON. Thank you also to our parents and all who contributed to this fun day and helped us raise a fantastic £2,770!!

## CONGRATULATIONS - PUPIL OF THE MONTH-

P1A	Evie Wagstaff Aidan Hayes	P1B	Zara Reilly Cara Dunlop
P2A	Matthew Connolly Cara Hale	P2B	Tiana Dellish- Vamattam Eli McFarlane
P3A	Lenny Dempsey Olivia Porter	P3B	Paige Stewart Luke McAleer
P4A	Cara Caddell Kiera McGarvey	P4B	Abbie O'Hare Olivia Gibney
P5A	Kara Long Adam Makin	P5B	Ciaran McDyer Grace Kavanagh
P6A	Eamon Loye Leah Carter	P6B	Jakub Pniewski Emily MacHugh
P7A	Greta Prunskus Luke Teer	P7B	Grace Larkin Christian O'Hare

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–11.00

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

P2A: Kayden Whyte, Matthew Connolly, Cara Hale  
P2B: Beth Hanlon, Conor Healy, Aaron Logue  
P3A: Noel Black, Caoimhin Hayes, Caragh Scott  
P3B: Evie Wilson, Hannah Muldoon, Jacob Gallagher  
P4A: Louise Donald, Megan Erwin, Tiernan Fitzgerald  
P4B: Eabha McCabe, Joe Eager, Neva Yildiz  
P5A: Patrick Downey, Anne McDyer, David Loye  
P5B: Corey McCann, Cillian McMullan, Sophie McKinney  
P6A: Erin Toal, Laura Briers-Tumelty, Shay Clarke  
P6B: Caitlin Rafferty, Dylan Adams, Ella Magennis  
P7A: Shae McAtamney, Caoimhe Fitzgerald, Corey Long  
P7B: Max McDonald, Lewis Byrne, Christian O'Hare

### DATES FOR DECEMBER:

- P2 Christmas Concert & Choir Recital will take place on Monday 10th December at 9.30am and Tuesday 11th December at 7pm. Details to follow.
- Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 14th December
- School Carol Service: Wednesday 19th December @ 9.30am

### NEW FIRE DOORS

There are a number of new fire doors being installed in the school and the emergency lighting is also being upgraded. The work is contracted by the Education Authority and will start at 4pm in the afternoon until approximately 11pm. This work will also be carried on over the course of the weekend.

### PASSPORT APPLICATIONS:

We are introducing a small charge of £5 for the completion of passport forms. This will be donated to school funds.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS:** Contributions for this year's hampers can be forwarded to the school from the week beginning Monday 20th November to Monday 4th December.

**P1 PRAYER SERVICE:** A Prayer Service for our P1 pupils will be held on Tuesday 4th December at 1.10 – 2pm in the school Assembly Hall.

### THE DEPUTY MAYOR'S VISIT

Pupils have been busy writing their manifestos for the position of school councillor and will be voting shortly. An Investiture Ceremony, led by the Deputy Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey, will take place on Monday 26th November at 9.30am in the School Assembly Hall for those pupils elected and their parents. Light refreshments will be available after the ceremony.

**REMINDER:** Our PE uniform is:

- Plain White Polo Shirt;
- Navy Shorts/ Navy Tracksuit Bottoms
- Black Plimsolls /Black Trainers

We ask that the navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms are plain with no logos. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Free School Meals

"The application process for free school meals/uniform has commenced. Parents who are currently eligible to apply for free meals/uniform should now complete their application. Please note that entitlement to free school meals will attract funding to the school's budget. Whether your child wishes to partake of a meal or not is down to individual choice. We would really encourage parents who fall into this category to please make an application as soon as possible for the incoming academic year. Application forms may be obtained via the Education Authority website – [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) or alternatively by contacting Free School Meals Section on 02825661350. Forms are also available from the school. Should you have any further queries regarding this, please contact the school office.

We would like to congratulate the school canteen and Mrs Butler who again achieved a 5 from the Food Standards Agency in September. WELL DONE!

### Gaelic Football Team

Congratulations to the Gaelic Team who reached the semi finals of the Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Tournament. The boys and girls played three matches to qualify. Well done! We are very proud of your achievements.

### Parental Workshops

P1 Blending Workshop on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 8.45am. P3, 4, 5 Mental Maths and Problem Solving Workshop. Forty parents enjoyed an evening of fun and problem solving activities. They were introduced to a range of strategies which the children will use in school. A copy of the powerpoint can be found on the school website. Thank you to Mrs Thompson.