



# JANUARY'S EVENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, this time of year always holds the possibility of a school closure due to inclement weather. The decision to close a school is not taken lightly. As with previous years we will do all in our power to keep the school open however I do need to consider the Health and Safety implications for pupils, parents and staff. Following a risk assessment if a decision to close the school is made, we will inform every one of the closures by text message between 7.30am—8.30am. It is vitally important that you inform the school office of any changes to contact numbers to ensure you receive this information. Closure information will also be displayed on the school's website.

*(All Events News Sheets and letters can be found on the school website.)*

**P7 CONFIRMATION** The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 13th March 2019 for all schools in the parish at 11am. It is a normal school day for all other pupils.

**REMINDER: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

After School clubs will resume week beginning 14th January 2019. Enrolment for the clubs will be open via the school website on Thursday 3rd January 2019. A list of activities for Term 2 has been posted on the school website week beginning 17th December.

**Safer Internet Day 2019** will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 5th February 2019 with the theme: Together for a better internet will be explored through a workshop for the P4-7 pupils at 10.45am on this day. A further workshop will be held for parents at 9.15am in the school assembly hall. We have run the workshops for parents over this last number of years and for those who have attended they have found them extremely beneficial and have enabled them to protect their child(ren) in a more informed way. In school we address the use of the internet and social media forums through ICT lessons, PDMU lessons, Assemblies, the Religion Programme and various other avenues. Despite this we find that many of the issues and difficulties that the children face emanate from these sources. The use of social media and the internet is certainly a huge challenge for our pupils to manage and they can only do so with parental support, guidance and advice. To this end I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend.

**A Cashless School - SchoolMoney**

I am delighted to inform you that all 3 Parish Schools have recently signed up to the online payment system entitled 'SchoolMoney.' This means that you will now have the facility to make payments for school expenses, such as trips, dinner, music tuition etc. online with your debit or credit card.

This new payment system will benefit both us as a school and you as a parent. Not only will you be able to pay for items from the comfort of your own home but you will also be able to access your account at any time to see if there is anything you need to pay for. 'SchoolMoney' will enable us to experience a more streamlined, cost-effective and efficient payment system in a secure and safe environment.

You won't need to sign up to this system as this is done automatically through the school and as long as you have provided us with up to date contact details we will send you a password. Further details will follow in January and we will roll out the system following the midterm break the week beginning 25th February.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE INCLUDING EMAIL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS.**

**Open Enrolment Coffee Morning**

St Mary's on the Hill Primary School will host an Open Enrolment Coffee Morning on Friday 11 January from 9.30am - 10.30am in the school to assist those parents who would like to avail of support with the completion of the online application form for admission to Primary 1.

At that time parents may bring along documentation to their first preference primary school in support of their application (e.g. birth certificate or other information as per the admissions criteria of the parent's selected preference/s).

**REMINDER:** Primary One application procedure opens with online portal on 2 January at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> and closes on Thursday 31 January 2019 at 12 midnight.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
PUPIL OF THE MONTH**

P1A	Louisa Smyth Olivia Black	P1B	Odhran McMenamin Paul Boyle
P2A	Annie Corey Tomas Magee Theo Murray	P2B	Charlotte Murphy Adam Grzona
P3A	Orlaith Clayton Lorcan Smyth	P3B	Maeve McMenamin Joe Brennan
P4A	Sophia McKay Tabitha McAreevey	P4B	Malachy Walsh Orla Pollock
P5A	Adam Makin Andrea Bradley	P5B	Michael McArdle Aoife Mooney
P6A	Aoife Baxter Danny McNally	P6B	Justyna Lesniak Keon McAuley
P7A	Conal Daly Eliza McAreevey	P7B	Rory Kelly Evie McGartland

**Photographs are displayed in the main foyer of the school.**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

There are a number of events coming up between now and the end of the school year which you may like to be aware of in advance:

**P3 Service of Enrolment:** 13<sup>th</sup> February 2pm in the school assembly hall

**P7 Sacrament of Confirmation:** Wed 13 March @11am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Thurs 21 March @ 11am

**P7 Carlingford Trip:** Wed—Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**P4A First Holy Communion:** Saturday 4 May @ 11am

**P4B First Holy Communion:** Saturday 11 May @ 11am

**P1 Sports Day:** Wednesday 15 May—**School Grounds** (Alternative P1 Sports Day—Tues 21 May)

**P2/3 Sports Day:** Thurs 16 May—**School Grounds** (Alternative P2/3 Sports Day—Wed 22 May)

**P4-7 Sports Day:** Friday 17 May—**Ashgrove P S** (Alternative P4-P7 Sports Day—Thurs 23 May)

**P7 Concert:** Thursday 6th June—**Assembly Hall @ 7pm**

**MASSIES/ASSEMBLIES**

P4 'Do This in Memory' Programme of Mass Sunday, 6 January 2019

P7 Class Mass: Tuesday 8 January

P6 Class Mass: Tuesday 15 January

P5 Class Mass: Tuesday 22 January

P4 Class Mass: Tuesday 29 January

P7A Parental Assembly: Fri 1 February @ 9.30am

**Catholic Schools Week:**

This year St Mary's on the Hill will celebrate Catholic Schools' Week beginning Monday 28th January. The highlight of this week will be Grandparents' Day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Grandparents and parents of P2 children are invited to attend a P2 assembly at 9.30am. Following this they will be invited to visit the Primary 2 classrooms. Tea & Coffee will be served at 9am and the morning will finish at approximately 11am.

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

- P1A: Jayda Cassidy, Lexi Kemp, Reid O'Hare
- P1B: Sean Loye, Cali McManus, Riley Callaghan
- P2A: Erin Brownlie, Liam Mulholland, Joseph Campbell
- P2B: Naomi McDyer, Elijah McFarlane, Tom McLaughlin
- P3A: Cora Cassidy, Dillon Foy, Patrick McReynolds
- P3B: Dana Doyle, Adam Conway, Luke McAleer
- P4A: Annie Lowry, Preston Lynch, Tabitha McAreevey
- P4B: Aine Gavin, Olivia Gibney, Keeley Lawlor
- P5A: Stephen Goodall, Lucia-Rose Gallagher, Anna McQuillan
- P5B: Phoebe Parker, Taneesha Dellish-Vamattam, Jude Rooney
- P6A: Skye Warr, Lucy McFarlane, Leah Carter
- P6B: Orlaith McKenna, Jake McCleery, Isaac Wright
- P7A: Ben Lawrence, Corey Long, Ellie Magill
- P7B: Nathan McKeown, Carlo Morelli, Leah Boyle

**P4/P5 Parents:**

May I request that in the interest of the children's safety you do not approach the mobiles to leave in forgotten books, lunches, musical instruments etc. If you need to get a message to your child you must, as requested by the signage at the gate, report to reception. Please treat the mobiles as an extension of the school. The safety of the pupils is our first priority and certainly no-one other than those authorised to do so, can enter that area.

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS**

At St Mary's on the Hill we are very proud of our pupils' attendance record. This year to date attendance is 95.5%. To celebrate those who have attained 100% attendance in the year 2017/18, an assembly will be held to recognise their achievement on Friday 25 January. Congratulations to the children listed below:

Tom McLaughlin P2B	Michael Jennings P6A
Ruairi McMullan P2B	Aidan Matthews P6A
Ryan Mullan P3B	Orlagh Smyth P6A
Otylia Tarnowska P3B	Olivia Paul P6A
Eabha Doyle P3B	Jamie Bell P7A
Eabha McCabe P4B	Ryan Donaldson P7A
Joseph Eager P4B	Benjamin Lawrence P7A
Jack Cranston P5A	Corey Long P7A
Kara Long P5A	Emma McAllister P7A
Lauren Briers-Tumelty P6A	Lorcan McCann P7A

