



*Learn to Love, Love to Learn*

# St. Mary's on the Hill

## September Information



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*Welcome to October's Information update. The children have started off very well and now that we are moving into the second month of our school year we are focussing on continuing to develop their skills and understanding. Thank you to everyone who managed to attend to curriculum talks during September. The information that was imparted during these sessions is available on the school website. The help that the children receive from home is invaluable and your continued support is very much appreciated. During the month of October there are a number of events upcoming that I will go into more detail through this way. I hope that you find this means of communication easier to navigate and more user friendly, particularly if you are viewing it through your phone. If there is anything that you would like more information about that could be included in future Sways, please let me know by contacting the school through email on [info@stmarys.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmarys.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk)*

*Kind regards*

*Matthew O'Brien*

*Principal*

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**CHURCH CAR PARK:** I would like to gently remind everyone of the difficulties and dangers around drop-off and collection of your child/ren. I am asking that all parents exercise extreme caution. To alleviate the difficulty of congestion we are asking all parents to make a **LEFT TURN** when exiting the car park. **Please use the designated parking spaces or drop off zone.**

**WAITING AT THE GATE:** Thank you all for your support and cooperation in the mornings whilst leaving your children to school. **We would ask parents not to wait at the gate once they have left their child to school.** By leaving your child off and moving off-site you are freeing up limited parking spaces. It can be difficult for children to enter through the gate when parents are gathered there. 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.

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## After School Clubs



ST. MARYS ON THE HILL			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
<b>MULTI SPORTS</b> 2PM - 3PM Primary 2 3PM - 4PM Primary 3-7	<b>CODING CLUB</b> 2PM - 3PM Primary 2 3PM - 4PM Primary 3-7	<b>AR CLUB</b> 2PM - 3PM Primary 2 3PM - 4PM Primary 3-7 (£4.50)	<b>LEGO STAGE SCHOOL</b> 1:45PM - 3PM Primary 2-7 1:45PM - 3PM Primary 2-7
<b>£4</b> PER SESSION	1. Visit <a href="http://www.ActivityNI.co.uk">www.ActivityNI.co.uk</a> or Google Activity NI. Select 'After School Clubs', pick your child's school, then click 'Register Now'.		2. Complete the Short Registration form and make Payment if required.
			<b>8 WEEKS</b>

After School Clubs will commence week beginning Monday 5th September 2022. You can enrol your child and pay for the after school activity of your choice, through the Activity NI website. Hurling and Gaelic football clubs can be booked through School Money.

## Waiting Club



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*The Waiting Club operates from 2pm—3pm Monday - Thursday. It costs £2.00 per day per child and is available for P1—P3 pupils. Payment for the Waiting Club can be made through School Money Online.*

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## Attendance



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*We, in St Mary's on the Hill pride ourselves on the high attendance rate of our pupils, the average attendance last year being 94%, even with the impact of COVID. It would be great to see this exceeded this year. All absences should be explained by a phone call to the office or note to the teacher. You will find the Holiday List posted on the school website. I would urge you to organise family holidays during these periods only. As far as possible, medical appointments should be made outside school hours. Please inform the school if you wish to withdraw your child from class before the end of the school day. On arrival please call at the school office and Mrs Mason will send for your child.*

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## Uniform



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*All pupils are expected to wear full uniform to school each day. Boots and trainers are NOT acceptable. In the event of inclement weather, pupils may wear boots but are expected to bring school shoes for indoor use. In the interest of safety no jewellery, apart from a watch or stud earrings only, may be worn to school. No pupil should wear makeup. On PE days pupils may wear their PE uniform to school - navy shorts and a plain white polo shirt and trainers/plimsolls. Notification of PE days will follow shortly.*

**PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING**

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## Free School Meals



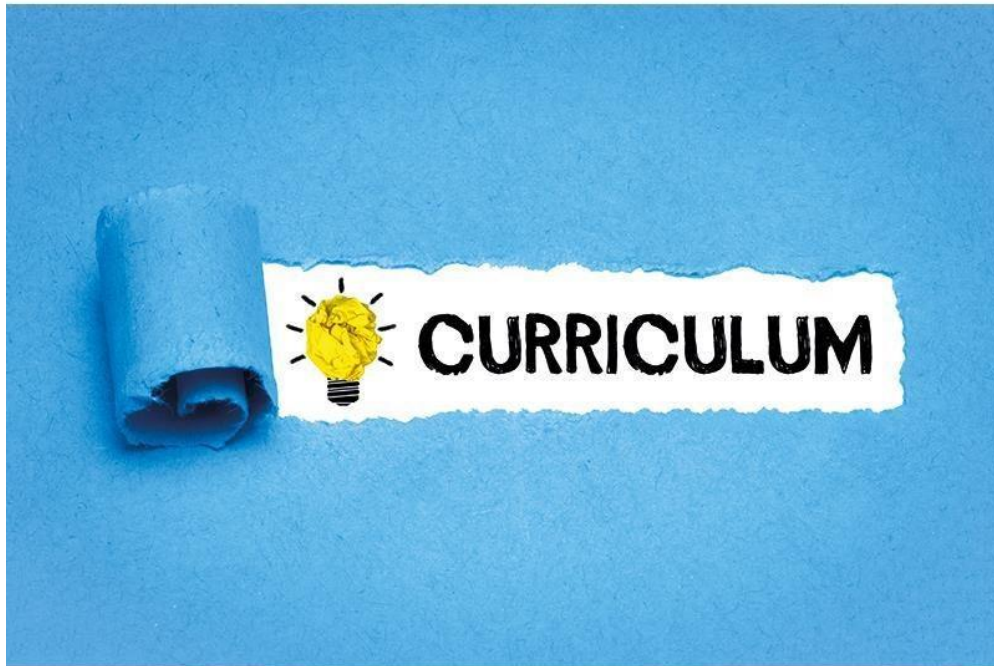
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*The application process for free school meals/uniform has commenced. Parents who are currently eligible to apply for free meals/uniform should now complete their application. **Please note that entitlement to free school meals will attract funding 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.*

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## Curriculum Information Meetings for Parents



**P7 Mon 19th September 9.15am**

**P6 Tues 20th September 9.15am**

**P5 Wed 21st September 9.15am**

**P4 Thurs 22nd September 9.15am**

**P3 Fri 23rd September 9.15am**

**P2 Mon 26th September 9.15am**

**P1 Thurs 27th September 9.15am**





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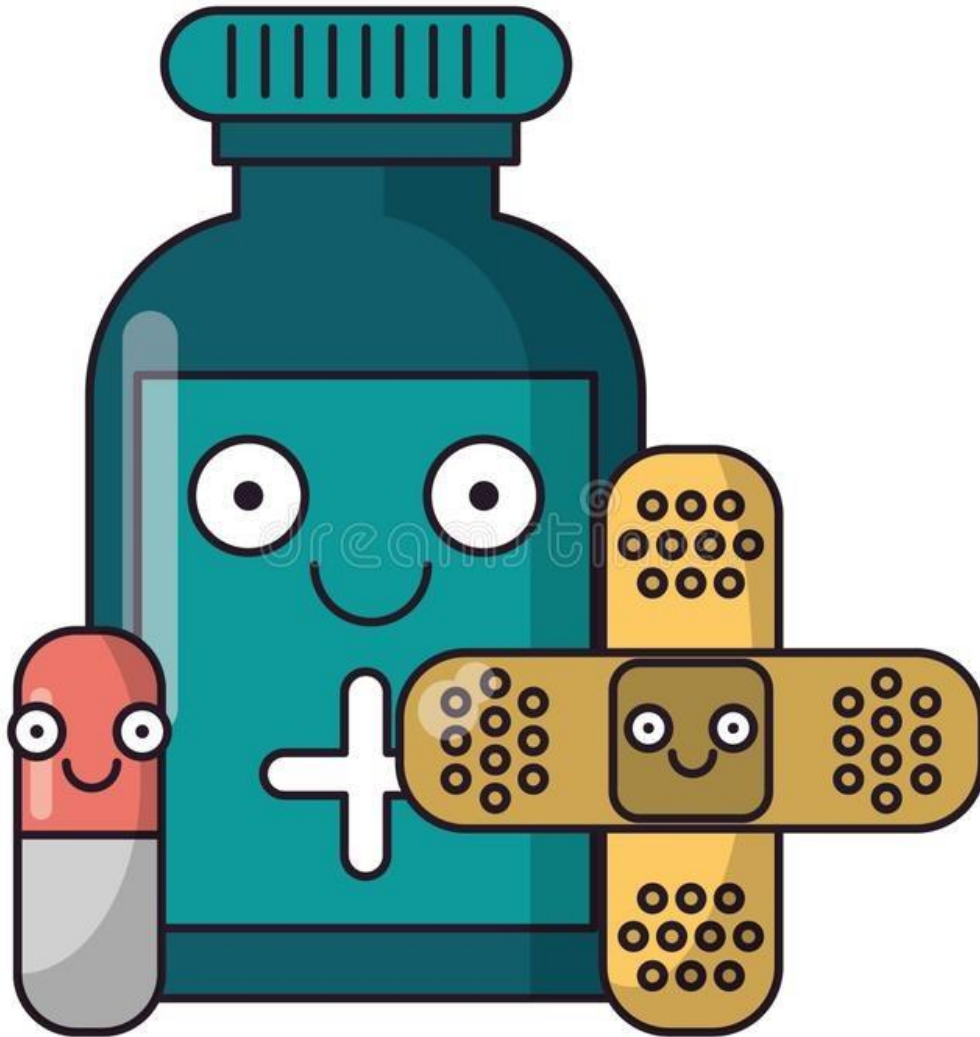
*We have a number of children who suffer from allergies, which can result in potentially serious consequences. I would therefore ask that these children are not exposed to danger and that you are mindful of any children in your child's class that may have an allergy. We continue to be a Nut Free School and I would ask that you do not send in anything that would contain nuts.*

***Parents of children with diagnosed allergies are asked to provide the school with 2 Epipens (with valid dates) and any other necessary medication as soon as possible.***

*Please continue to support our 'Healthy Eating Policy' and provide your child with a piece of fruit and water or milk for break.*

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## Administration of Medicine



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*Please speak to your child's teacher if you require medication administered to your child whilst at school.*

*Parents need to sign and complete an 'Administration of Medication' form (available from the school office) before the school will administer the medicine. All medication needs to be prescribed, should have the child's name on it and the dosage clearly labelled. Teachers will not administer medication that is not labelled as such. Please do not send in any medication with your child – it must be handed into the school office by an adult. Thank You.*

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# School Dinners



## St Mary's on the Hill P S - Lunch Menu Single Choice – September 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WEEK 1</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 8 <sup>th</sup> May 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Spaghetti Bolognese  Crusty bread  Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream & Watermelon Chunks	Chicken Goujons Sweetcorn & Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes  Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit	Roast Loin of Pork  Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Florets Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Popcorn Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread  Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard	Fish Fingers  Baked Beans Chips  Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurts
<b>WEEK 2</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr 15 <sup>th</sup> May 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Oven Baked Sausages  Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes  Arctic Roll with Sliced Peaches	Breaded Fish Fillets  Sweetcorn & Peas Mashed Potato  Frozen Yoghurt with Pineapple Chunks	Roast Breast of Chicken  Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Savoy cabbage and Diced Carrots Oven Roast Dry & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie with Raspberry Milkshake	Chicken Tikka with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread  Apple Sponge & Custard	Steak Burger  Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips  Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit Chunks
<b>WEEK 3</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Breaded Chicken Goujons with Garlic Dip  Sweetcorn, Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes  Vanilla Ice Cream, Pears, & Chocolate Sauce	Fish Fingers  Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato  Swiss Roll filled with Yoghurt and Fruit	Roast Gammon  Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potatoes  Rice Pudding with Melody of fruit	Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread  Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection	Steak Burger  Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips  Flakemeal Biscuits & Fresh Fruit Chunks
<b>WEEK 4</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> May 29 <sup>th</sup> May 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Spaghetti Bolognese  Crusty Bread  Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Ginger Cookie	BUFFET: Selection of Sandwiches (Chicken/Cheese/Tuna) Fish Bite Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks  Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	Roast Beef  Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato  Chocolate Brownie and Banana Chunk	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread  Fruit Crumble & Custard	Breaded Chicken Bites  Baked Beans Chips  Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit

Breads  
Milk, Water  
A Choice of Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily

If you require any additional information on Allergens or Special Diets, please contact the School to complete a Special Diets Application Form

Menu choices subject to deliveries

Parents can now select and pay for dinners for the first term, up until w/b Monday 19th December 2022, by logging on to School Money using your unique username and password which was issued to you last year. Your child's dinner should be ordered before midnight prior to the day it is required. Please contact the school if you have any problems. We require every parent to use this facility. A copy of the menu can be found on our website.

Back to school helplines from EA

# BACK TO SCHOOL HELPLINES

Admissions:

028 95 98 55 95

Meals & Uniform:

028 90 41 80 44

Transport:

028 95 98 59 59

Special Educational Needs:

028 95 98 59 60



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## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS HELPLINE

For Special Educational  
Needs queries

Phone:

028 95 98 59 60

or contact your  
SEN Link Officer



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## Lost Property



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*There are a number of items of lost property in the school. These items will be placed on a table in the Infant playground on Thursday 8th September and Friday 9th September from 1:30pm (Weather permitting - a new date will be issued if the weather is inclement). There is a range of coats, jumpers and other pieces of clothing that may belong to your child.*

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## Dates for Diary



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*Thursday 29th September - Mass in the class - via St Mary's on the Hill weblink*

*Monday 3rd October - Staff Development Day (Children **do not** attend school)*

*Tuesday 11th October - P1 Parents Phonics workshop in assembly hall at 9:15am*

*Friday 25th November 2022 - Parent Teacher Interviews*

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## Contact Details



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*If your address, telephone number or email address change please inform Mrs Mason in the office to ensure we have up to date information should we have a need to contact you.*

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