



*Learn to Love, Love to Learn*

# St. Mary's on the Hill

## October Information



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*Welcome to October's Information update. The children have started off very well and now as 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 the curriculum talks during September. The information which was imparted during these sessions is available on the school website. The help 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 which I will go into in more detail through this sway. I hope 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 you would like more information about, which 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*

*Mr. 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 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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The Book Fair makes a return this year after an absence due to the pandemic. This is a great opportunity for your children to continue to develop their love of reading. It also generates much needed funds for our school. The Book fair will run from Monday 17th October - Friday 21st October

Parents can also visit the Book Fair to select books for your child. The Book Fair will be set up in our new single mobile behind the National School and the time table for parents is as follows

Monday 17th October -	1:45pm - 2:15pm	2:45pm - 3:15pm	
Tuesday 18th October -	8:45 am - 9:15am	1:45pm - 2:15pm	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Wednesday 19th October -	8:45 am - 9:15am	1:45pm - 2:15pm	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Thursday 20th October -	8:45 am - 9:15am	1:45pm - 2:15pm	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Friday 21st October -	8:45 am - 9:15am	1:45pm - 2:15pm	



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*Maths Week Ireland is being celebrated throughout Ireland from 15th October to the 23rd October. In school, we are looking forward to carrying out different Mathematical activities as well as taking part in Maths workshops. During this week a Maths Workshop will be available for P3/P4 parents to help support their child at home. Details will follow.*

*Further details of Maths Week, which includes events that are taking place, can be found by following the link below:*

*<https://www.mathsweek.ie/2022/>*

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## Promoting Health Eating



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*Here at St. Mary's on the Hill we promote Healthy Eating across the school. We encourage children to choose a healthy snack for their break as well as making healthy choices in what they eat and drink. Our PTA have been able to secure fruit for all children in the school from Tesco's Northcott. This will be given to the children each Friday. We would like to thank the PTA for their continued support of the school in the promotion of healthy eating.*

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# CONNECTING

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*The PTA are organising events which will raise much needed funds for our school. This month they will be taking part in a bucket collection in Tesco Northcott, please show your support for them on Saturday 8th October 2022. Also at the end of the month there will be a Halloween Disco for the children. More details regarding this will follow.*

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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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## Flu Immunisation Programme



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*The Flu Vaccination programme will take place in school on Monday 24th October. Please ensure your child's form is with your child's class teacher by Thursday 6th October. Forms will not be accepted on the day of the vaccination as the nurses will only have enough vaccines for those who have requested it.*

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## Pupils of the Month September

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*Congratulations to all our wonderful Pupils of the Month. They have worked so hard and we are very proud of them all.*

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Class	Name of child	Name of child
P1A	Diamond Adhikari	Darragh Coyle Maya Dunlop
P1B	Grace Cassidy	Aodhan Graham Logan Monk
P2A	Jack Conway	Isla Ross
P2B	Aoife Downey	Conal Kelly
P3A	Piper McCausland	Sophia Jones
P3B	Noah Monk	Isla Deery
P4A	Aine McPhillips	Mason McMenemy
P4B	Eoin Gillen	Ella Hale Conor O' Neill.
P5A	Ellis Cheadle	Lexi Kemp
P5B	Konstanty Bukowski	Cara Dunlop
P6A	Hannah Caddell	Caelan Russell
P6B	Beth Hanlon	Conor Healy
P7A	Cora Cassidy	Charlie McGuigan
P7B	Aleks Slezak	Adam Olver







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*Well Done to our Digital Leaders for this year. They will do an excellent job of supporting the development of ICT in our school.*

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Eabha Doyle
Grace Doyle
Aleksander Slezak
Otylia Tarnowska
Joseph Brennan
Rory McAllister
Deaglan Doran
Caoimhin Hayes
Lennay Dempsey
Farrah O'Hagan
Lorcan Smyth
Erin McGuigan

## Behaviour Targets



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*One of the things we are proudest of in St. Mary's on the Hill is the children's behaviour. However, there is always room for improvement. Now that the children have settled back into school for the month of October we have identified '**Great Listening**' as our school behavioural target. I will talk to the children at each of our assemblies regarding this and staff will reinforce this message in school. Can we ask you, parents and carers, to do the same at home? Please encourage your child to demonstrate 'Great Listening' when people are talking or giving instructions.*

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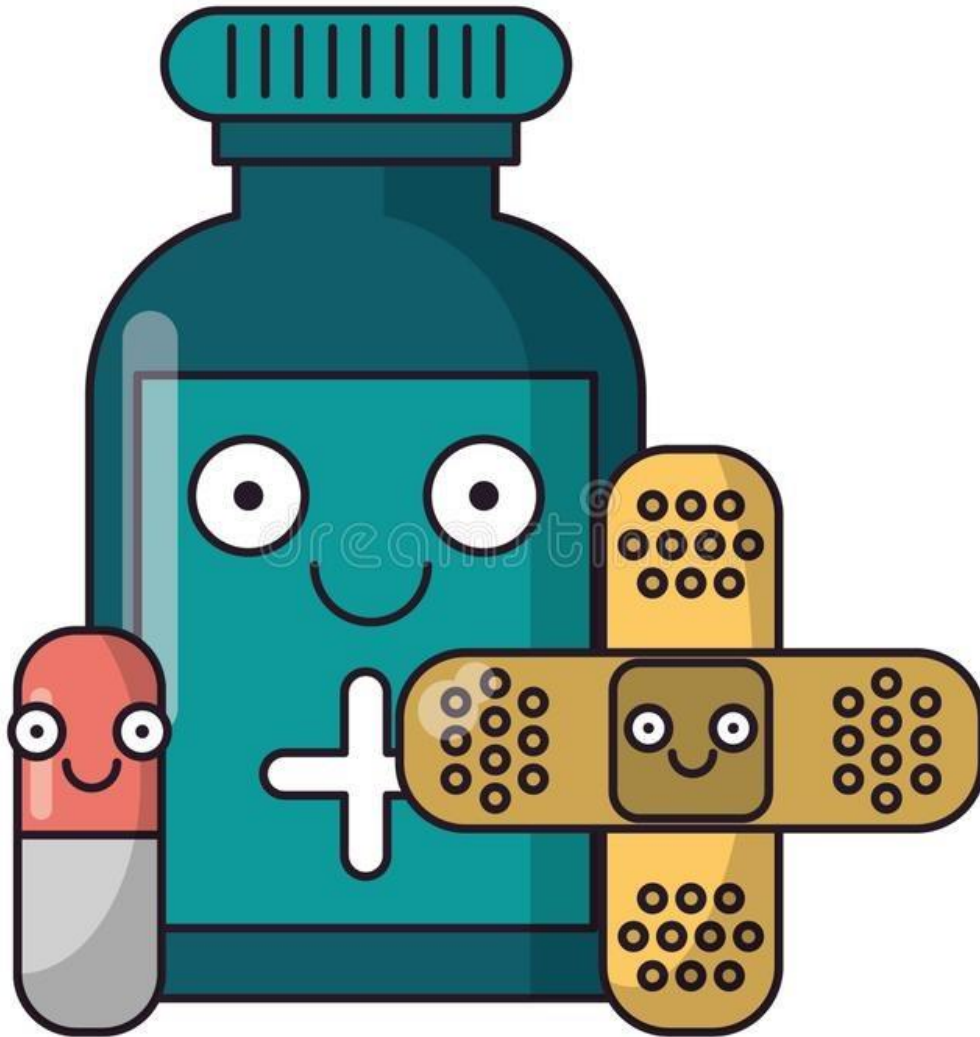
*We have a number of children who suffer from allergies, which can result in potentially serious consequences. I would therefore ask that these children are not exposed to danger and that you are mindful of any children in your child's class who may have an allergy. We continue to be a Nut Free School,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

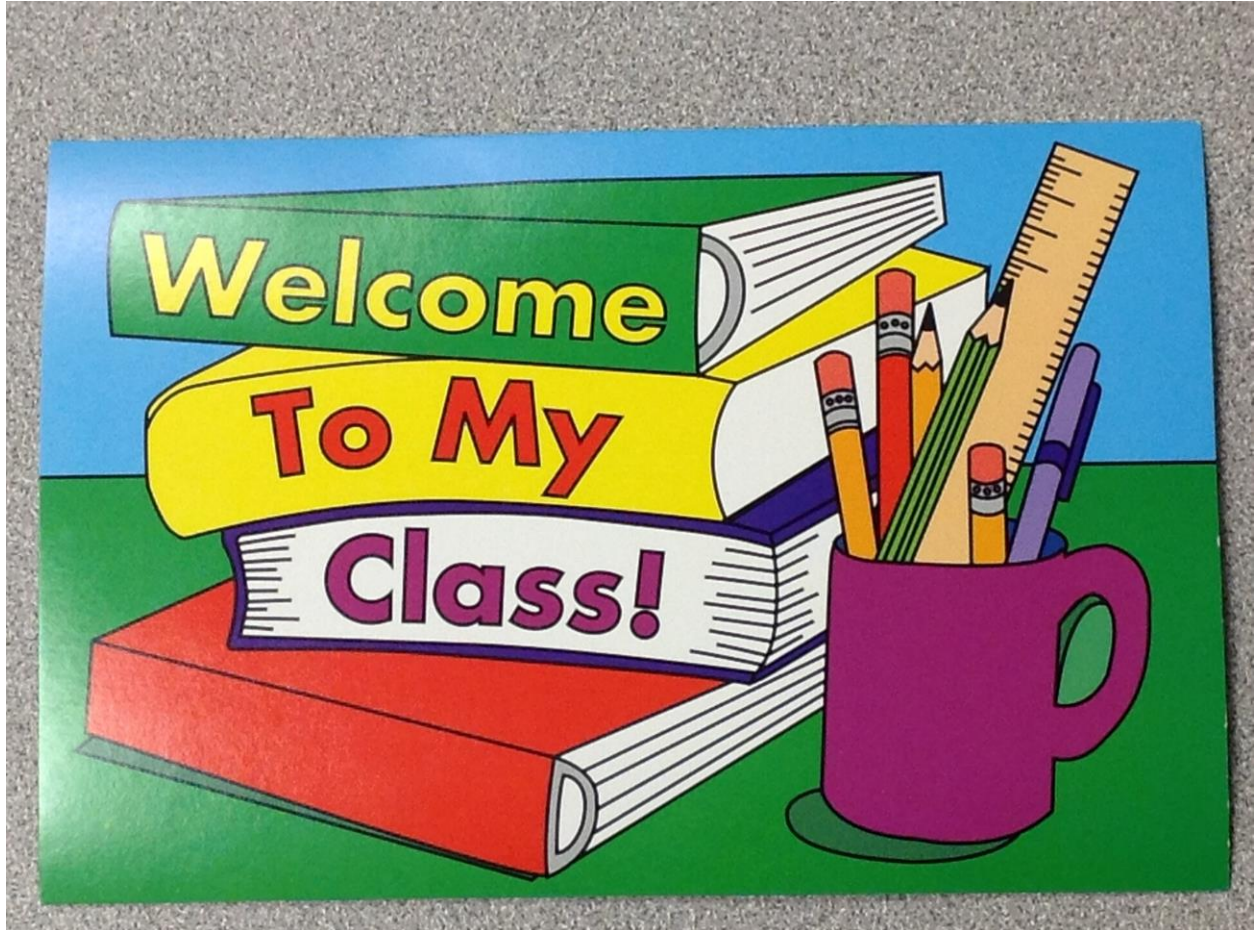
Breads  
Milk, Water  
A Choice of Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily

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. 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.

## Blessing of New Classrooms



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*On Friday 28th October Fr. Pat Sheehan will come to our school and bless the new classrooms. These are a fantastic addition to our school and the children are very pleased with their new surroundings. After the official blessing the classrooms will be open to parents for viewing from 1pm - 2pm on Friday 28th October. This will be an opportunity to see the fabulous classrooms your children are enjoying during their days at school.*

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## Dates for Diary



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*Maths Week Ireland - 15th October - 23rd October*

*Travelling Book Fair - 17th October - 21st October*

*Flu Vaccination - Monday 24th October*

*Cool 4 School Photographer - Thursday 13th October & Friday 14th October*

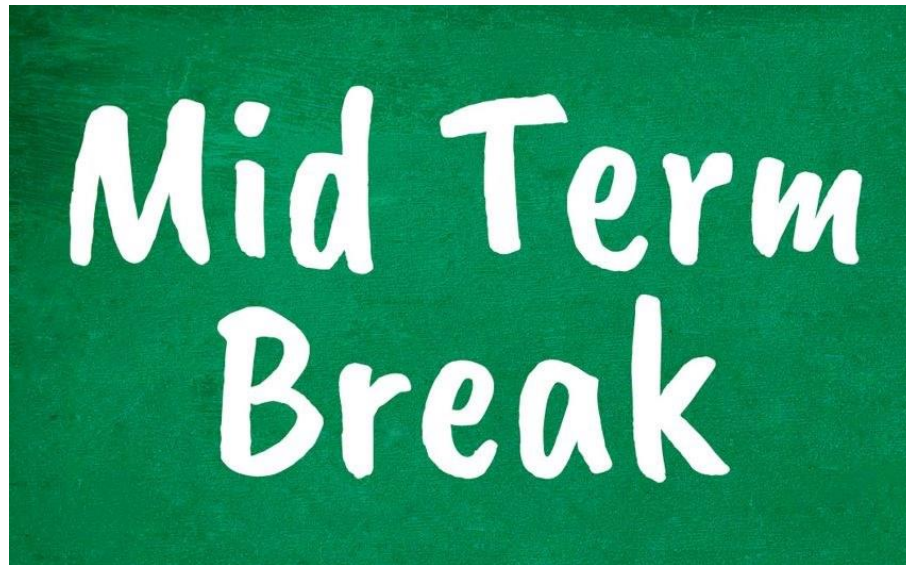
*Mass in the Class - Thursday 10th November @ 2pm - Mass for those who have Died*

*Thursday 8th December @ 2pm - Advent Mass*

*Blessing of our New Classrooms - Friday 28th October*

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## Mid - Term Break



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*The school will close on Friday 28th October for all pupils. P1 - P3 will finish at 11:45am, P4 - P7 will finish at 12 noon. School will reopen on Monday 7th November.*

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## Contact Details



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*There are some contacts in school which do not appear to be working, perhaps due to change of number or email address. If your address, telephone number or email address has changed 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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