



Learn to Love, Love to Learn

St. Mary's on the Hill Information

October



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

Kind regards

Mr. Matthew O'Brien



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.



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	



Maths Week
Ireland

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/>

Promoting Health Eating



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

Families and Schools

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.



*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 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.*

Flu Immunisation Programme



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.

Pupils of the Month September



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

Class	Name of child	Name of child
P1A	Diamond Adhikari	Darragh Coyle Maya Dunlop
P1B	Grace Cassidy	Aodhan Graham Loqan 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 McMenamy
P4B	Eoin Gillen	Ella Hale Conor O' Neill.
P5A	Ellis Cheadle	Lexi Kemp
P5B	Konstanty Bukowski	Cara Dunlop
P6A	Hannah Caddell	Caolan Russell
P6B	Beth Hanlon	Conor Healy
P7A	Cora Cassidy	Charlie McGuigan
P7B	Aleks Slezak	Adam Olver

Digital Leaders



DIGITAL LEADERS

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

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



*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.

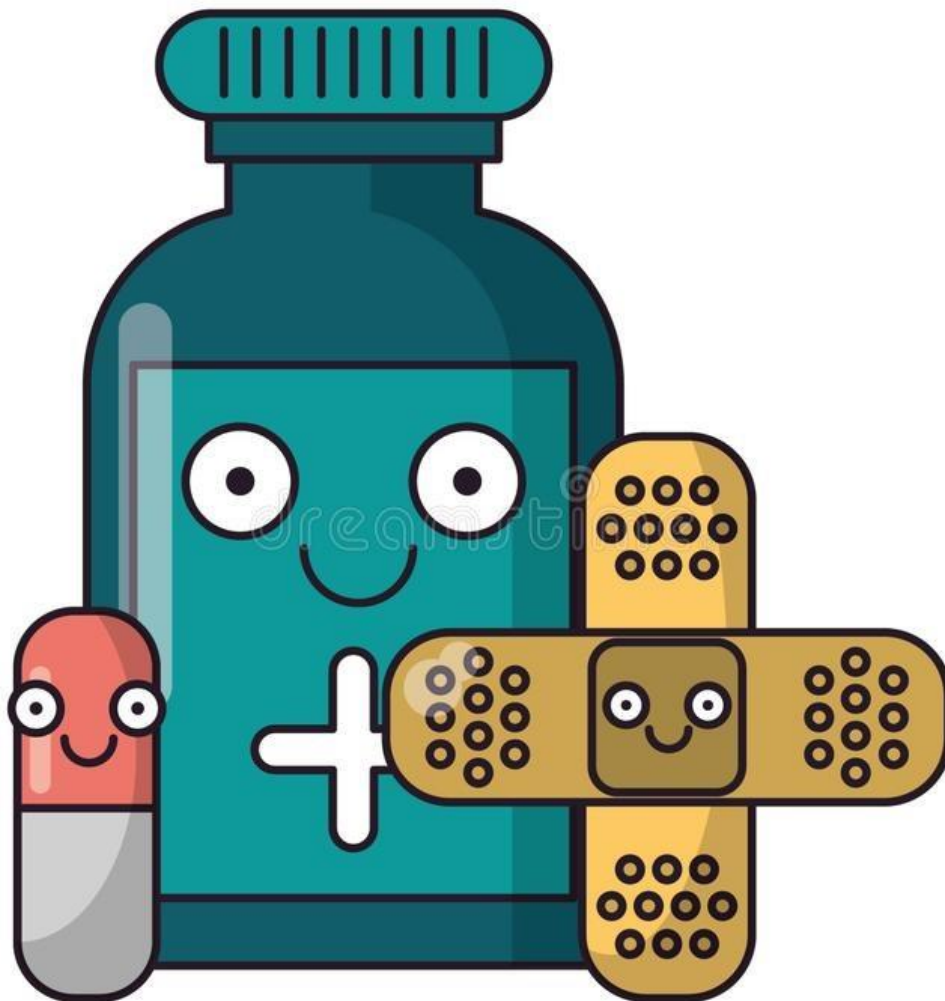


We have a number of children who suffer from allergies, which can result in potentially serious consequences. I would therefore ask that these children are not exposed to danger and that you are mindful of any children in your child's class who may have an allergy. We continue to be a Nut Free School,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

Administraion of Medicine



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.

School Dinners

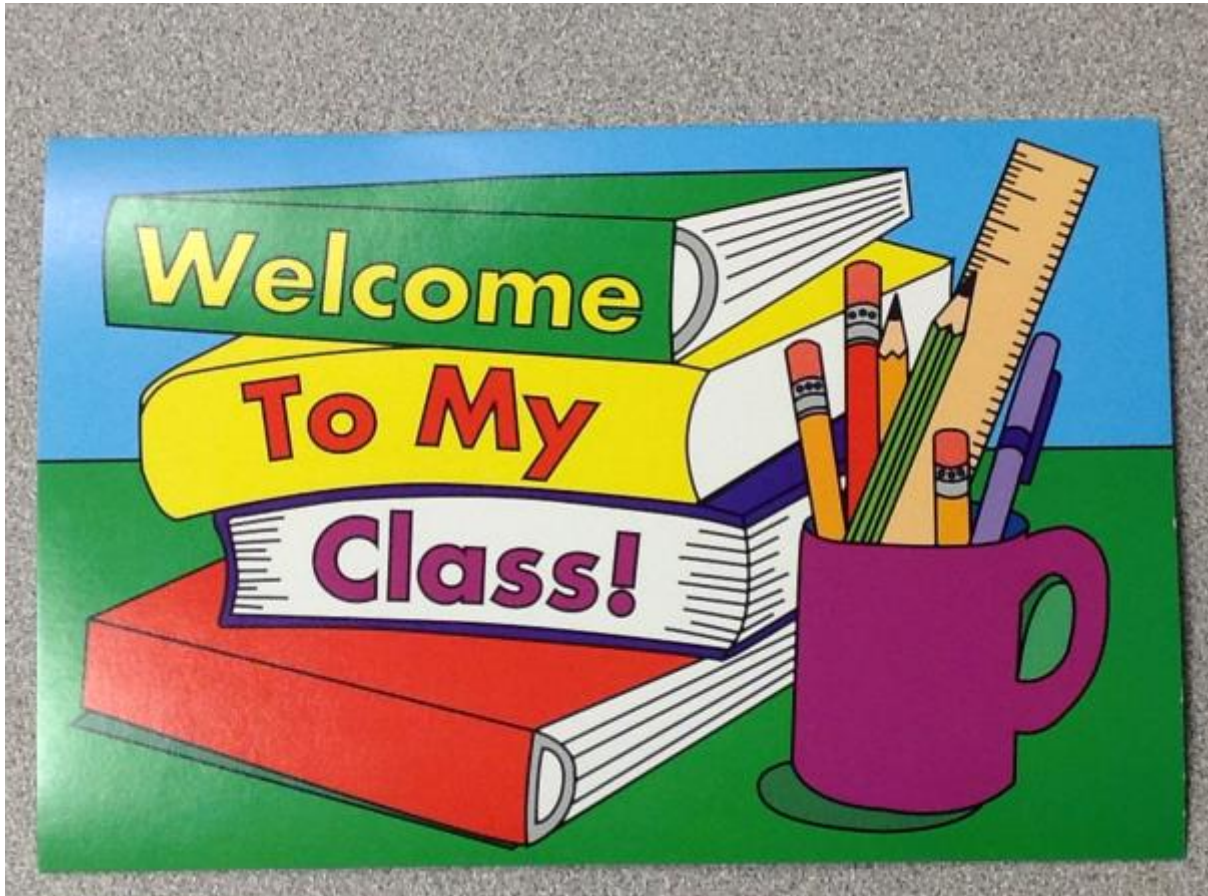


St Mary's on the Hill P 5 - Lunch Menu Single Choice – September 2022						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
WEEK 1 20 th Aug 26 th Sept 24 th Oct 28 th Nov 2 nd Dec 30 th Jan 5 th Feb 5 th Mar 9 th Apr 13 th May 17 th June	Spaghetti Bolognese Crusty bread Raspberry Fridge Ice Cream & Watermelon Chunks	Chicken Casseroles Savannah & Red Pepper Homemade Chili Bean Potatoes Frozen Sweetbreads & Fresh Fruit	Roast Loaf of Pork Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Florets Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Pancake Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes	Bread of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Neuen Bread Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Custard	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Chips Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurts	<p>Breads, Milk, Water & Choice of Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Available Daily</p> <p>(If you require any additional information on Allergens or Special Diets, please contact the School to complete a Special Diets Application Form)</p> <p>Menu choices subject to availability</p>
WEEK 2 1 st Sept 7 th Oct 7 th Nov 5 th Dec 9 th Jan 6 th Feb 13 th Mar 13 th Apr 13 th May 13 th June	Oven Baked Sausages Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes Arctic Roll with Stewed 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 & Neuen Bread Apple Sponge & Custard	Steak Burger Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Hakemeat Bread & Fruit Chunks	
WEEK 3 13 th Sept 19 th Oct 14 th Nov 12 th Dec 16 th Jan 20 th Feb 20 th Mar 24 th Apr 22 nd May 19 th June	Breaded Chicken Goujons with Garlic Dip Sweetcorn, Homemade Chili Bean Potatoes Vanilla Ice Cream, Peas, & Chocolate Sauce	Fish Fingers Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato Beef Roll Stead with Yoghurt and Fruit	Roast Gammon Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Bacon Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potatoes Pine Pudding with Melody of Fruit	Bread of Chicken Curry & Rice, Neuen Bread Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection	Steak Burger Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Hakemeat Steaks & Fresh Fruit Chunks	
WEEK 4 19 th Sept 13 th Oct 21 st Nov 19 th Dec 23 rd Jan 27 th Feb 27 th Mar 1 st Apr 5 th May 26 th June	Spaghetti Bolognese Crusty Bread Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Greer Cookies	BUFFET: Selection of Sandwiches (Chicken/Chicken/Tuna) Fish Balls Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carnet Skilks Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	Roast Beef Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Cavi/Flower Cheese Fresh Baked Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Chocolate Brownie and Biscuits Chunk	Bread of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Neuen Bread Fruit Crumble & Custard	Breaded Chicken Bites Baked Beans Chips Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit	

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



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.

Dates for Diary



Maths Week Ireland - 15th October - 23rd October

Travelling Book Fair - 17th October - 21st October

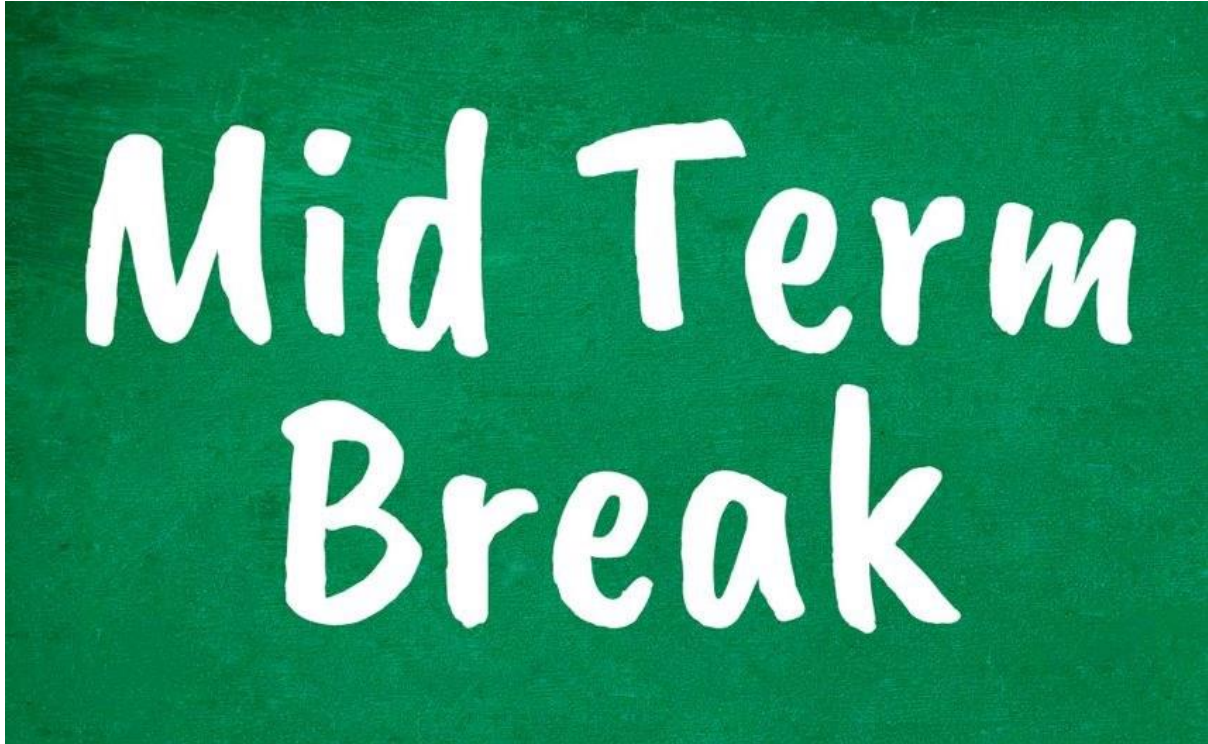
Flu Vaccination - Monday 24th October

Cool4 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

Mid - Term Break



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.

Contact Details



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.
