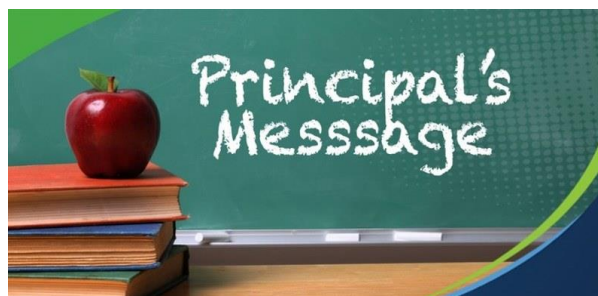




St. Mary's on the Hill June's Information Sway



Welcome to June's Information Sway. As we come to the final month of our school year we can look forward to a number of events which will take place. Can I encourage you to read through the sway so you are aware of what is upcoming.

MAY, WHAT A MONTH! We've had Confirmation for our P7s. The children were simply outstanding. A huge thank you to Mr McEvoy and Miss McAnallen and to all our staff for preparing the children for this wonderful sacrament. Thank you also to Fr Pat Sheehan for his spiritual guidance and support.

We have had our P4 – P7 Sports Day which was great fun and we were very pleased with the turnout of parents and grandparents who added to the occasion. Special thanks must go to the teachers and all staff for organising the events.

I wish you all a very happy Summer Holiday and hope that you can enjoy time together with your families.

If you have any queries please send a message to the school email address given below.

info@stmarys.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk

Kind regards

Mr. Matthew O'Brien

Principal

Pupils of the Month for June



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	Cara Quinn	Jude Wright
P1b	Noah McLone	Caiden Cairns
P2a	Joshua Stewart Sebastian Sidebotham	Jacob Mc Dyer Alfie Quinn-Keenan
P2b	Marie McCleery & Conlin Doherty	Nuala McCleave & Aleph Jimenez-Dorta
P3a	Olivia McAvoy	Oisin Kim
P3b	Nancy Corey	Katie Stewart
P4a	Charlie Maxwell	Grace Kelly
P4b	Christopher Mc Ardle	James Mc Mullan and Cara Russell
P5a	Oisin Mc Laughlin	Reid O'Hare
P5b	Odhran McMenamin	Noah Jimenez Dorta and Grace McQuillan
P6a	Clodagh Keenan	Liam Mulholland
P6b	Madison Russell	Elijah McFarlane
P7a	Patrick McReynolds	Erin Savage
P7b	Cruz O'Neill	Éabha Doyle

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. In the month of June we are focusing on 'Gratitude'. I will talk to the children at each of our assemblies regarding this and staff will reinforce the message in school. During the month of June we will discuss how we can be thoughtful of other people including how we speak to them and how we interact. We will talk about being thoughtful in and out of school and respecting other people. Can we ask parents and carers to do the same at home? This is to ensure that pupils know the correct way to interact with each other.

Summer Fair



This year we will be hosting our annual Summer Fair again. This is a fantastic event and will take place on Saturday 3rd June from 12:00pm – 3:00pm. We would encourage as many people to attend as possible. Anyone available to assist the PTA in any way please contact the school office—028 9083 6284. Any items you may wish to donate for the tombola/raffle should be left at the school office.

P4 Holy Communion



The Primary 4's will make their First Holy Communion on 8th June. The children have been preparing extremely well to receive this sacrament. As in past years the ceremony will take place in St. Bernard's church and information has already been sent to families. This is a very special and important time for our Primary 4 children and we will keep them in our prayers over the coming weeks.

Free School Meals



Free School Meals/School Uniform/Physical Education

Clothing Allowance 2023-24

The Education Authority (EA) will be issuing communications on the EA website and social media channels to inform parents/ guardians and continues to seek your support to promote awareness of Free School Meals and Clothing Allowances, and to encourage all potential applicants to apply for the support available.

Current Eligible Families and New Applicants

Parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of support for the 2022/23 school year will receive a letter highlighting the need to apply for the 2023/24 school year and the process to do so. All parents/guardians (including new applicants) will be able to apply online.

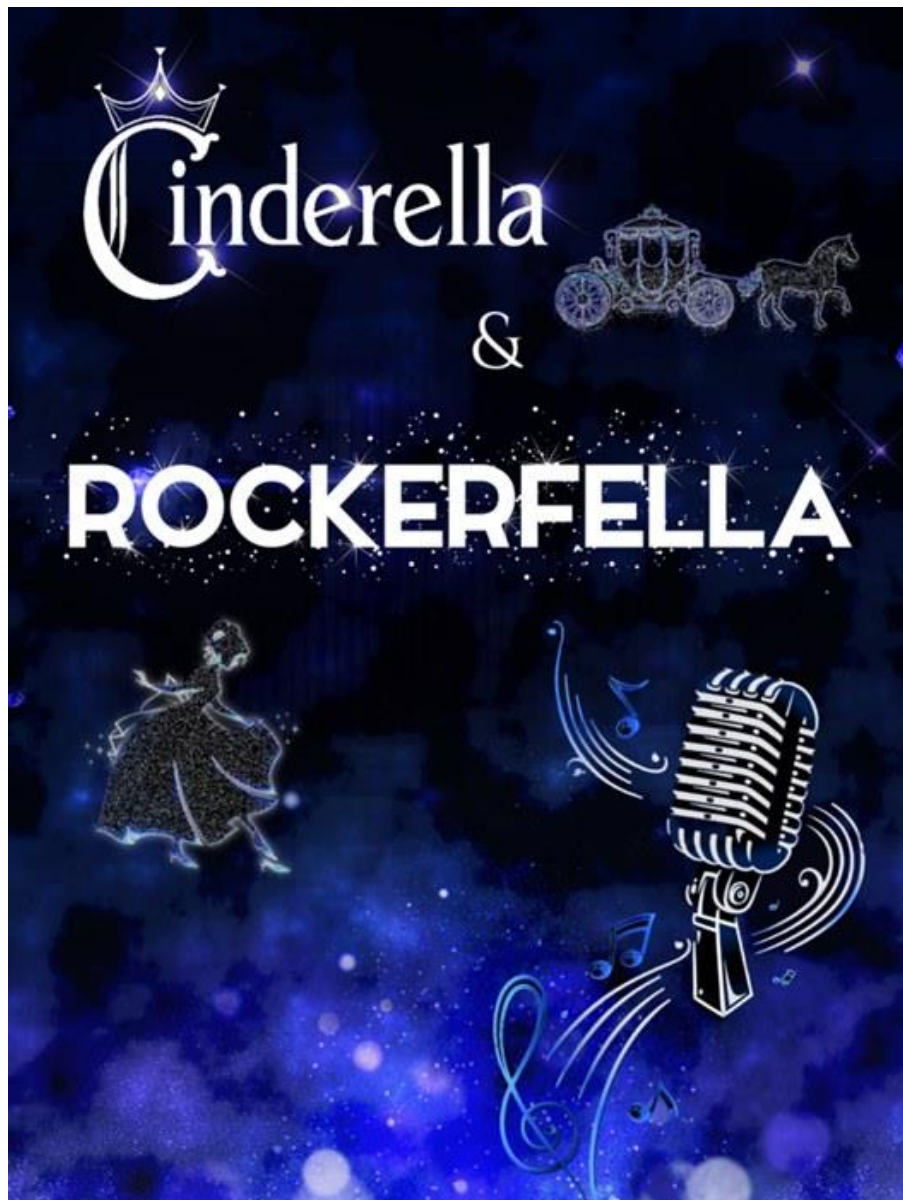
It is important for all applicants to read and understand what supporting documentation is required for their application.

A Fond Farewell to our Fabulous P7's



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our P7's. They have been an exceptional group of children. Their behaviour, manners and attitude to school, to each other and to staff has been outstanding. You have simply been a pleasure to have in the school, a credit to your families, the school and to yourselves. You have exemplified the school motto - Learn to Love, Love to Learn. We wish you all well in this next chapter in your lives.

Cinderella Rockerfella



This year the Primary 7's will be performing for parents as well as pupils. The show this year is Cinderella Rockafella. Parents will be invited to attend on;

Wednesday 14th June @ 1:30 pm

Thursday 15th June @ 7:00 pm

Further information to follow.

Dates at a Glance



Thursday 1st June - P1 Forest Schools

Saturday 3rd June - Summer Fair

Tuesday 6th June - Induction Afternoon for new P1 Parents

Wednesday 7th June - Induction Afternoon for new P1 Parents

Thursday 8th June - First Holy Communion St Bernard's @ 4:00pm

Saturday 10th June - Feis Bheal Feirste

Wednesday 14th June - P7 Show Matinee 1:30pm

Thursday 15th June - P7 Show 7:00pm

Tuesday 20th June - Activity NI P7 Fun day

Thursday 22nd June - P6/7 Art Exhibition

Thursday 22nd June - P4 Trip Ulster Museum

Friday 23rd June - P1 Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday 23rd June - Football Tournament @ Edmund Rice College

Monday 26th June - Annual Reports Issued

Tuesday 27th June - End of Year Mass for P7's and finish 12pm

Friday 30th June - School closes @12:00pm

School Closures for June



*The school will close for the Summer break on Friday 30th June at 11:45am for P1 - P3 and 12 noon for P4 - P7. School will reopen for pupils in P2-7 on Thursday 31st August 2023 for half day only. The school will close at 12pm on this day. **A holiday list is available on the school website.***

After School Activities



After School Activities have commenced for the new term and places are still available in some clubs. If you wish to book a place for your child please contact the school office for further information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
MULTI ACTIVITY 2PM - 3PM Primary 1 & 2 3PM - 4PM Primary 3,4,5,6,7	ART CLUB 2PM - 3PM Primary 1 & 2 3PM - 4PM Primary 3,4,5,6,7 £4.50	TASK MASTER 2PM - 3PM Primary 1 & 2 3PM - 4PM Primary 3,4,5,6,7	ASPIRE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS Marika LEGO 1:45PM - 3PM Primary 1-7

£4 per session

1 Visit www.ActivityNI.co.uk or Google Activity NI.

2 Select 'After School Clubs', pick your child's school, then click 'Register Now'

3 Complete the Short Registration form and make Payment if required

7-10 WEEKS

Playgroup Information



St. Mary's on the Hill Pre-school Playgroup is taking applications for pre pre children (born between 2 July 2020 to 31 December 2020) starting in September 2023. For further information contact the Pre-school on 075436844924

School Dinners



Parents can now select and pay for dinners for the third term, up until the end of June 2023, 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 who wishes to book a school lunch for their child to use this facility.** Some changes have been made to the lunch menu which can be viewed here and also on the school website.

00000	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Week beginning: 03.04.23 01.05.23 29.05.23 26.06.23	Golden Crumbed Fish Fillet Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans/Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream & jelly	Homemade Beef Bolognese Pasta Spirals Sweetcorn/Grated Cheese/Crusty Bread Jam Sponge & Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy Mash & Oven Roast Potatoes Garden Peas/Carrots & Parsnip Strawberry Mousse and Fresh Fruit	Homemade Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Boiled Rice/Peas Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Hobdog Chips & Side Salad Homemade Shortbread/Fresh Fruit Salad
Week 2 Week beginning: 10.04.23 08.05.23 05.06.23	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets Chips Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Pear Sponge and Chocolate Sauce	Cottage Pie & Gravy Peas & Carrots Rice Frittle Square and Milkshake	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy Mash Potatoes Broccoli/Baton Carrots Cornflake Tart & Custard	Homemade Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Boiled Rice/Garden Peas Homemade Jam & Coconut Sponge & Custard	Golden Crumbed Fish Fillet Chips/Salad Popcorn Cookie/Fresh Fruit
Week 3 Week beginning: 20.03.23 17.04.23 15.05.23 12.06.23	Oven Baked Pork Sausages Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans/Garden Peas Ice-Cream & Pears with Hot Chocolate Sauce	Pizza Slice Potato Wedges & Coleslaw Zesty Orange Sponge & Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy Mash & Oven Roast Potatoes Baton Carrots & Fresh Cabbage Decorated Iced Sponge Finger	Homemade Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Boiled Rice/Sweetcorn Caramel Tart and Custard	Oven Baked Breaded Fish Chips Salad/Baked Beans Strawberry Milkshake & Flake Meal Biscuit
Week 4 Week beginning: 27.03.23 24.04.23 22.05.23 19.06.23	Pasta Bolognese in a Rich Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread slice Sweetcorn Apple Sponge & Custard	Savoury Mince Beef Mashed Potato Carrots/Sweetcorn Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Roast Chicken Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy Mash & Oven Roast Potatoes Broccoli/Carrots Homemade Brownie and Milkshake	Chicken Curry Chipped Potatoes / Boiled Rice & Naan Vanilla Artich Roll & Two Fruit	Chicken Burger & Salad Chips/Baked Beans Ice Cream Slider/Tub and Fresh fruit

Breads, Milk, Water & Fresh Fruit Available Daily

If You Require Any Additional Information on Allergens or Special Diets Please Contact the School to complete a Special Diets Application Form

Facebook



*Please visit, like and share our Facebook page. It continues to be used to promote the school in the wider community. We will celebrate and mark events throughout the school year. **If you have not already done so please give our page a like.***

The school will continue to communicate and update parents via email and text. Facebook will not be used to send messages to parents and we would ask that parents do not use Facebook to contact the school.

Click on the link below and please share with anyone you think would be interested or has a connection to our school - <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysOnTheHillPS/>

Promoting Healthy Eating



Here at St. Mary's on the Hill Primary School 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 secured a delivery of fruit, for all children in the school, from Tesco Northcott. This will take place on one Friday each month. We would like to thank the PTA for their continued support of the school in the promotion of healthy eating.

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 like to encourage parents*

who fall into this category to **please make an application** as soon as possible. Application forms may be obtained via the Education Authority website – www.eani.org.uk or alternatively by contacting Free School Meals Section on 028 2566 1350. Forms are also available from the school. Should you have any further queries regarding this, please contact the school office.

Car Parking



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.

Allergy Awareness



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.

Administration of Medicine



Please visit the school office if your child requires medication to be administered 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 should have the child's name on it and the dosage clearly labelled. Please do not send any medication with your child – it must be handed into the school office by an adult. Thank You.

Contact Details



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.
