



St. Mary's on the Hill April's Information 2024



Welcome to April's Information Sway. As we move through the third term a number of events will take place. Can I encourage you to read through the sway so you are aware of what is upcoming.

As we begin our third term there is much to look forward to, including sacramental preparation, sports days and end of year trips for our P7's. We would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school and we look forward to working together in the final term. There are exciting times ahead in the coming months and rest assured that everything we do is in the best interests of the children.

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 March



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

Class	Name	Name
P1MMCM	Jorga McCann McAlister	Aoife McManus
P1KR	Aoife Davidson	Finn Morelli
P2PM	Annie Prendergast	Jude Wright
P2MMC AL	Emily Mason	Noah Clayton
P3MM	Olivia Simpson	Conor O'Loughlin Zian Nabussan
P3SR	Nuala McCleave	Luca Barnes
P4AW	Bonnie McKenna Amos	Aoife Captain
P4RT	Pearse McMullan	Rose McLaughlin Donnelly
P5MD	Cara Russell	Clíodhna Neill
P5NN/E W	Kyla Logue	Sophie McGuigan
P6SMCC	Grace Mc Quillan	Noah Leonard
P6JK	Kaiden McKernon	Oisín McLaughlin
P7MOB	Sinead Smyth	Conor Healy
P7KC	Katie McCann	Amelie Pille-Ashe Tomas Magee

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 April we are focusing on '**Determination**'. I will talk to the children at each of our assemblies regarding this and staff will reinforce the message in school. This will include speaking appropriately, sharing ideas, listening to others, showing empathy for others who have a different point of view and looking for opportunities to help other members of our team. 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.*

Principal's Award



We are delighted to present the names of our Principal Award winners for the second term. This Award is given to those pupils who have displayed hard work, very good behaviour and qualities such as kindness, care, compassion, perseverance and courage throughout the entire second term. We are extremely proud of all pupils who have received this award.

Class	Name of Child
DME P1 - P4	Padraig McStravick
P1MMCM	Grace McArdle
P1KR	Cillian Mooney
P2PMI	Una Turley
P2MMCAL	Charli Quinn
P3MM	Iris McLaughlin
P3SR	Conal Kelly
P4AW	Noah Monk
P4RT	Issy McFarlane
P5MD	Nainsi McMullan
P5NN/EW	Rebecca Clarke
P6SMCC	Cali Mc Manus
P6JK	Isla McGarvey
P7MOB	Iona Welsh
P7KC	Caoimhe Moss

P1 Trip Ark Open Farm



P1's are looking forward to their trip to the Ark Open Farm which is coming up on 11th April. This fits in with their topic they are covering in the classroom and there is much excitement amongst the children.

School Council



The school council have been very busy in the second term and will continue to be so as we move into the third term. Please take note of the dates below:

Trip to Parliament Buildings, Stormont - Wednesday 5th June 2024

School Closures



The school will be closed on the following dates

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May

May Bank Holiday - Monday 29th May

School Closed - Tuesday 30th May and Wednesday 31st May

P6 Young Enterprise



P6's will be taking part in a workshop by Young Enterprise which will focus on developing skills in Business. The children will have the opportunity to find out about how businesses work and use their creativity in coming up with ways to develop a business.

Sports Days 2024



Sports Day will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 23rd May 2023 P1 - P3 @ St. Mary's on the Hill P.S.

Friday 24th May 2023 P4 - P7 @ Carnmoney P.S.

More details to follow

Sporting Events



This month the school teams will be taking part in a number sporting events:

Soccer Match @ Ashgrove Primary School - Friday 12th April

Féile Gerard Lawlor @ CLG Noamh Eanna - Thursday 25th April

After School Activities



The new timetable for After School Activities for term 3 will commence week beginning Monday 8th April. To secure a place for your child and make payment please login to School Money to book for Hurling & Gaelic Football. The after schools clubs run by Activity NI & Play Sport NI can be accessed through the following links:

<https://activityni.pembee.app/listing/after-school-clubs?filters=65285b2cb15664807e6d90d9-652dab34f26f1a9a36bef5a7>

www.playsportni.co.uk

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 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	Hotdog 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	Homemade Beef Mince Pie & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Rice Krispie 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 & Flakemeal 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 Artichoke Roll & Two Fruit	Chicken Burger & Salad Chips/Baked Beans Ice Cream Slider/Tub and Fresh Fruit

Breads, Milk, Water & Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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/>

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.

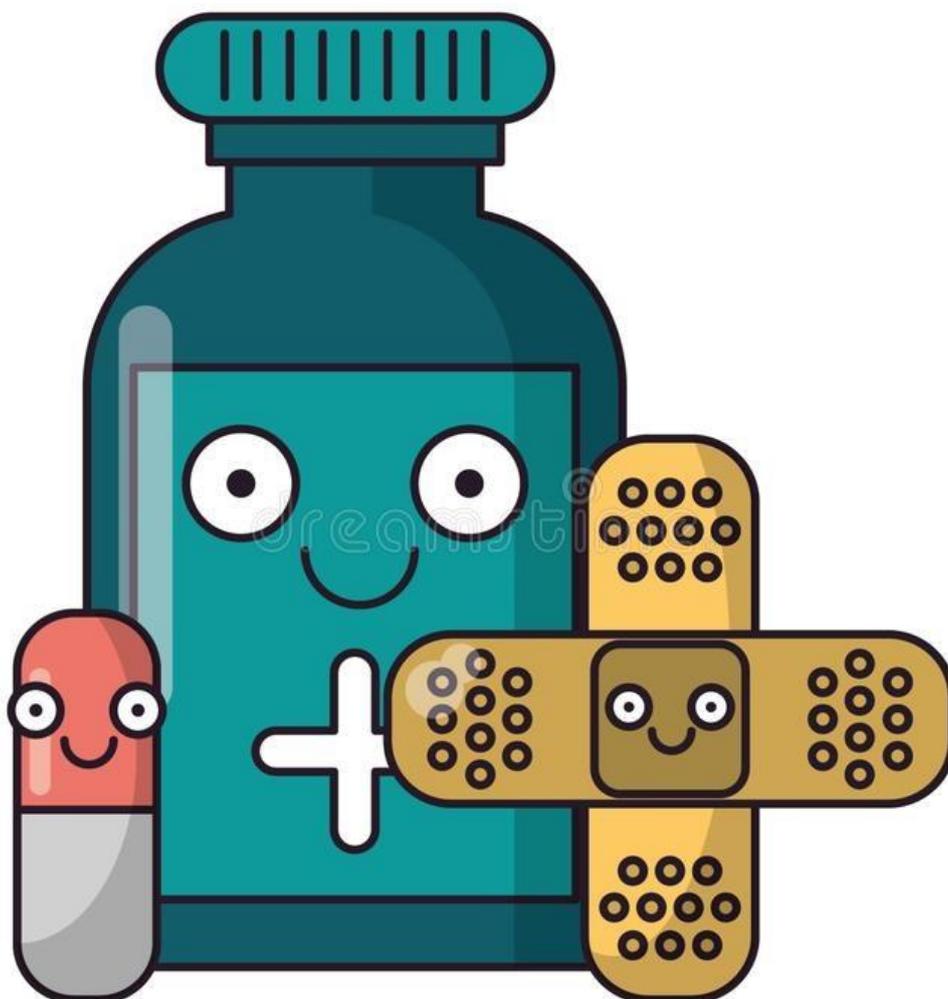


We have a number of children who suffer from allergies, which can result in potentially serious consequences. I would therefore ask that these children are not exposed to danger and that you are mindful of any children in your child's class who may have an allergy. We continue to be a Nut Free School,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