



# St. Mary's Primary School

20 Cloughcor Road, Ballymagorry, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. BT82 0BE.

Telephone No: 028 7184 1237

Principal: Mrs A Devine

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Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Dear Parent / Person with Responsibility,

I would like to welcome our school community back for the new academic year. I hope you all had a lovely summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone again.

School re-opens for P2-P7 pupils (P1 pupils have a staggered start) at 8.45am on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

Pupils should make their way to their classrooms at 8.45am where their class teacher will greet them. Teaching for all pupils will begin at 9.00am. Please ensure your child is on time each day.

P1&P2 pupils will finish at 2.00pm

P3-P7 will finish at 3.00pm

## **REVISED BUS TIMES (TRANSLINK, DOUBLE DECKER SERVICE)**

Please see the morning schedule for Translink use:

|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>08.05</b> | Depart Strabane Bus Station |
| <b>08.10</b> | Altiskane                   |
| <b>08.20</b> | Glen Road                   |
| <b>08.30</b> | Dock Street                 |
| <b>08.35</b> | Glenside                    |
| <b>08.40</b> | Ballymagorry                |
| <b>08.45</b> | Cloughcor PS                |

We would ask that pupils have a bus pass and that bus passes are **topped up** in order for your child to avail of the Translink Service. Thank you!

### **STAFF ALLOCATION P1-P7**

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| <b>P1</b> | Ms Coyle assisted by Patricia Gallagher                                    |
| <b>P2</b> | Mr McCrystall assisted by Niamh Boyle                                      |
| <b>P3</b> | Miss Brolly assisted by Martina Foley                                      |
| <b>P4</b> | Mrs Hegarty  |
| <b>P5</b> | Ms McDowell (VP)   |
| <b>P6</b> | Mrs Duffy assisted by Sara McNamee and Susie McCafferty                    |
| <b>P7</b> | Miss McAleer assisted by Mia Gallagher, Karen Doherty and Eimear McGillian |

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

School dinners remains at £2.60 per day and we ask that it is paid at the beginning of each school week. If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure it is balanced and healthy. All pupils should bring a healthy snack to be eaten at break time.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, it is important that you apply for this each year. Information on this can be found on <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>.

**Please note** If you have not yet received confirmation from the EA that your child is entitled to free school meals for this Academic year, your child's dinners will have to be paid until you receive confirmation. Alternatively, you can send a packed lunch with your child in the interim period.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **SCHOOL MILK**

School milk will commence for Term 1 from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October (inclusive)** at a cost of £6.80. If you would like your child to avail of milk throughout Term 1 please send £6.80 in a clearly marked envelope with all of your child's details to school by **THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** at the latest as the milk order needs to be placed with Grove Dairy on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### **P6 SWIMMING LESSONS**

P6 pupils will have a ten week block of swimming lessons starting on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. All pupils will be given a letter about this on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### **COVID-19 INFORMATION**

- Check your child's temperature every morning before they come to school
- If your child is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, do not send them to school
- Please keep me informed via [adevine835@c2ken.net](mailto:adevine835@c2ken.net) so that we can keep our school community safe.

Thank you!

## **ATTENDANCE**

Information on the importance of good attendance from the Department of Education can be found below:-

***<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/attendance-matters-a-parents-guide.pdf>***

In school we have an obligation to monitor children's attendance very closely and to report attendance percentages to the Education Welfare Officer on a regular basis.

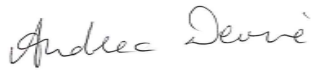
Punctuality is essential as each time a child is late to school they are marked late and when they arrive after registration is closed – this impacts on their attendance.

It should be noted that holidays must not be arranged during school terms. Sufficient notice of school holiday date is given to parent/guardians in order for holidays to be arranged during these times.

***Children are not permitted in the school grounds before 8.45am as there will be no supervision.***

I welcome your support and understanding regarding the information above.

Yours sincerely,



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**Mrs Andrea Devine**  
**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**





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## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

**2022-2023**

### **AUTUMN TERM**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Baker Days                               | Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2022                       |
| Staff Development Days                   | Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> , Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022 |
| Bank Holiday (Closed) for staff & pupils | Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2022  |
| School re-opens for all pupils           | Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022  |
| School Development Day                   | Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2022   |
| Half-Term                                | Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> October – Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2022                |
| School re-opens for all pupils           | Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> November – Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022              |
| Christmas Holidays                       | Tues (noon) 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan (inclusive)         |

### **SPRING TERM**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| School re-opens          | Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023   |
| Half Term for all pupils | Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> February - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023             |
| School Closed            | Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023                       |
| Easter Holidays          | Wed (noon) 5 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 (inclusive) |

### **SUMMER TERM**

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| School re-opens                                     | Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday for all staff & pupils | Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023    |
| School Closed for pupils                            | Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023   |
| Summer Holidays                                     | Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023  |