



St Mary's Convent Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This week's imlitir contains many items that may be of interest to you. Priority is the announcement that next week we will be taking enrolments to our new special class. The application procedures and selection criteria are available on the website this week and we will be accepting enrolment applications from Monday 20th May. The school will also be running a Summer Programme for its existing students enrolled in special classes. Please contact the school if your child is interested in attending this initiative which will be held in the school on the first two weeks of July. Letters will be sent to the families that qualify for this important programme.

Our Orientation Day for our new Junior infants will be held on Thursday 23rd May @ 2pm. We are looking forward to seeing all our new pupils and parents on the day.

We also had a lovely day of celebration on Saturday 11th May when our First Holy Communion took place. Congratulations to the children from Ms. O'Connor's and Ms. Mulligan's class who received the Sacrament. It was a wonderful occasion for the children, their families and our school. Thank you to Fr. Crosbie who officiated at the ceremony and thanks of course to Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Mulligan who prepared the children so well. Thanks also to Ms Yvonne and Ms Patricia who were always on hand to support the children and teachers in any way possible. The reception at the school afterwards was very enjoyable and a welcome opportunity for the families to mix and meet after the ceremony and show the school to our guests. Sincere thanks to the members of the Parents Council who organised this reception. We will also be sending details on the roll out of the free school books to parents shortly. Please see the notice introducing this initiative in this imlitir. This is a similar scheme to last year, though the same level of funding available to schools has decreased.

A quick reminder that your child's attendance at school is vital and we would encourage everyone to work together to ensure that the children miss very few days.

Kind regards,

Fergal Kelly

Principal

REMINDERS:

SCHOOL CLOSURES

3rd June Bank Holiday

7th June Local Elections

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Agreed Report 30/04/2024

- At the board meeting of 30/04/2024 the board drew up the admissions policy for the new special class to be sent to the Patron for approval.
- The board of Management sanctioned the Summer Programme for July 2024.
- Parents, staff and children are to be surveyed on wellbeing after the mid-term break. The results will be analysed and used to formulate our well being strategy. 2024-2027.
- The alarm system is to be upgraded.
- Work is currently underway on upgrading the entrance gates to the school, while new safety gates are being installed to the rear of the school to safeguard the children while on the schoolyard.
- The staff were commended in the recent Diocesan report for their ongoing commitment to the religious ethos in the school.

Applications for Special class for ASD -September 2024

On Monday 13/05/2024 we published our updated admissions policy regarding the new special class. We will open our applications next Monday 20th May. Please find some details below which are taken from the admissions notice on the website. To be accepted as a viable application children will need to satisfy certain criteria which are stipulated in the policy.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	20/05/2024
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	10/06/2024
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	14/06/2024
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	21/06/2024

SPORTS NEWS



Swimming lessons will begin this Thursday **16th May** for all **1st class pupils only.**



Congratulations

Elliot from Rm 23 who took part in the Community Games Athletics and won two medals for running.

We will be holding our SPORTS DAY on June 6. Details to follow.

SCHOOL MEALS

Following sanction from the Department of Social Protection of the school to be included in the school meals programme, the school was required to participate in an extensive procurement process before a contract could be awarded. There also have been some delays that are out of our control with regard to suppliers and contracts. As soon as we have any further updates in this area, we will inform the parent body.

National Bike Week



This week as we celebrate National Bike Week. We are inviting all students to cycle with us on **Wednesday, May 15th.**

We are greatly indebted to Meath Local Sports Partnership who has awarded us funds to use to promote cycling that day. We will have a healthy breakfast for all who cycle. **The main meet-up point will be just at the entrance to Steeple Manor. We will depart from here at 8:30 a.m.**

There are multiple environmental and health benefits to cycling to school, but most importantly, cycling is one of the most efficient and rewarding ways to get to school. Cycling, as a mode of travel, is on the increase with more people choosing to cycle for shorter journeys.

We hope to see lots of people cycling this Wednesdays, but if weather isn't great we may move it to another day.



IMPORTANT DATES

Banna (School Band):	Tuesdays Rehearsal for 3rd - 6th Class 2:50-3:30pm
Camogie:	Wednesdays 2:50-3:50 pm
Rounders:	Mondays 2:50-3:30 pm for 5th & 6th class
Mini Rounders:	Mondays 2:50-3:30 pm for 3rd & 4th class

Nath na Seachtaine: Bí/Bígí cúramach *Be careful*

Seanfhocal na Míosa: Nuair a bhíonn an cat amuigh, bíonn na luchá ag rince.
When the cats away the mice will play.

GREEN NEWS

We are very excited to announce that we have been awarded the Green Flag for Global Citizenship - Travel. Two delegates will represent St Mary's on May 22, 2024 at the Award Ceremony. Well done to all who made it their goal to use more sustainable ways to travel by walking and cycling regularly. See our Website to listen to our Green Song... We can change the World.

WOW NEWS

Walking continues on Wednesdays. A huge thank you to Mr Carmody and Ms Mallon who sustain the initiative all year.

COW (CYCLING ON WEDNESDAYS) NEWS

As part of National Bike Week, the school will celebrate bike day this **Wednesday, May 15th**. There are three main meet-up points: **Steeple Manor, Knightsbrook Salon (Muse) and the car park on the Athboy road**. We will depart from each place just after **8:30 a.m.** We hope to see lots of people cycling tomorrow. Thanks to Meath Local Sports Partnership for the funding.

Our walking Bus will begin on Thursday, May 23rd.. A separate email will follow.



Parents Association

1st Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the students who made their 1st Holy Communion last Saturday, and thank you to the teachers and SNAs who dedicated their time to help prepare them for this special day.

We would also like to thank our wonderful helpers for lending a hand at the Communion reception. You were exceptional, as always!



PA Meeting

Our next PA meeting is scheduled for Friday 24th May at 9:45 in the school Boardroom.

Anyone who would like to attend is welcome to do so.

Adri O'Dea

Chairperson

Here is the proposed **school closures for next year**. They are still subject to ratification by our Board of Management. Please bear these dates in mind while arranging your holidays.

Return:	Thursday 29th August 2024
Mid-Term:	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024
Christmas Break:	Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025
Feb Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd Feb 2025
Spring Mid-term Break	Mon 17th - Friday 21st Feb 2025
St Patrick's Day:	Mon 17th March 2025
Easter Break	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April 2025
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 5th May 2025
June Bank Holiday:	Friday 30th May - Monday 2nd June 2025
School closes	Friday 27th June 2025

SCHOOLS OUT SUN'S OUT Summer Camp

For Kids aged 4 to 12 years

St Mary's Primary School, Trim

Monday 19th August to Friday 23rd August

10.00am - 2.00pm

A great opportunity for Junior Infants starting school
to make friends and get familiar with the school life

Arts & Crafts, Sports, Baking,
Orienteering, Treasure Hunts,
Music & Dance, Science Experiments
Teddy Bear's Picnic
Water Fight on Last Day!

*Meath Senior Footballers
will be in attendance!*

Cost
€80 1st child
€75 each for
2 or more
children

For more information contact Mr. Carmody at 085 204 2545

All staff are qualified teachers with years of experience and Garda vetted

Free schoolbooks for all primary school pupils



Information for parents/guardians

From September 2023, **schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks** for children in recognised primary schools, including special schools, will be provided to every child free by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools receive funding from Government to cover these costs.

Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks will be provided by the school.

There is no need for parents to buy or rent these.

There will be no fee for parents for this.

Schools receive funding to buy these items. Schools must prioritise the use of the funding to cover all costs of textbooks, workbooks and copybooks.

There may be a requirement for parents to buy some additional items for children to use at school. The schools must make this clear to parents.

All children in the class will have access to the schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks that they need.

The schoolbooks and workbooks will be on loan to the children.

They must be returned at the end of the school year, or if the child leaves the school.

It is important that books are kept in good condition so they can be re-used. Please help make sure your child/children keep the school books safe and takes care of them, so they can be used again by another child.

In Budget 2023, the Government provided over €50 million to eliminate the cost of schoolbooks for children attending primary schools and special schools.



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

Guitar Summer Courses June-July 2024

Private one-to-one tuition

Kids | Teens | Adults | Seniors



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More info



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After a brilliant May camp we will be back in July (15th-19th July) for another week of fun. Contact us on 0873629676 to sign up!

KICKSTART SUMMER
JULY CAMP
ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, TRIM

Date
Mon 15th- Fri 19th July

Time
09:30a.m-01:30p.m

Contact Us
For more info or to book a place contact 0873629676
Email: kickstartsummer2024@gmail.com

Activities
Fun sports, team challenges, arts & crafts, treasure hunt, music and dance, science experiments, teddy bear picnic, baking & more...

5 Days

Price €75 & Sibling discounts

For Primary School Aged Children

Incoming Junior Infants are welcome!!!

All staff are Garda Vetted and have years of experience teaching children.



RÁS 2024 TAILTEANN

**JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN DAY FROM 1PM ON
SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2024 TO CHEER ON THE
CYCLISTS AS THEY CROSS THE FINISH LINE AT
BECTIVE STUD**

**PROUDLY SPONSORED BY BECTIVE STUD, TEA ROOMS &
APARTMENTS**

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meath county council



Teicnic Camp 2024

10am - 2pm

Meath

JULY
16TH-19TH



€70 for 1st Child
€65 for 2nd Child
€60 for 3rd child

Includes Free
T-Shirt

Badminton, Fun, Fitness,
Making new friends,

4 days On court and off court training & activities



For More information, contact us :
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Venue: Trim GAA Club