



# St Mary's Primary School, Greenlough

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**Dear Parents**

## **Healthy Living Week**

Healthy Living Week will take place in school from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Healthy Living Week presents the opportunity for our school to discuss the benefits of regular exercise and a healthy and balanced diet. A wide range of activities have been scheduled to take place in school throughout the week that promotes our healthy breaks policy. Parents are reminded that children are not to eat crisps or sweets at break and are allowed one small treat as part of their lunch. Please refer to a letter and presentation from Mrs J. McDaid outlining arrangements for the week.

## **School App**

Can all parents please select and pay for school dinners at the beginning of a school week as this generates the daily and weekly dinner numbers for our kitchen staff. I understand this is a new system however it has been introduced to eliminate cash handling in school for everybody's convenience. ParentMail is proving to be very effective however we are relying on the support of all parents to use it efficiently. If you have any difficulties, please contact our school office.

## **Teaching Arrangements in Primary Five**

Mrs McDaid and Mr Enda Mulholland will now teach our primary five class to release Mr Meehan to facilitate a daily withdrawal literacy programme for children in key stage one.

## **Christmas Service & Trip**

To celebrate Christmas, we are preparing a Carol Service and Christmas story that will take place in our local church on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. As things stand we are unable to invite our school community to attend in person however it will be recorded on our parish webcam for everybody to enjoy at home.

We have also organised a whole school trip for all the children on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Maghera cinema. The whole school will depart at 9.30am and return to school for lunch. A breakdown of costs will be issued to families in the coming weeks. We are very excited as this is our first school trip for a considerable time due to the pandemic. All risk assessments have been completed and we have privately booked the whole cinema to ensure our school remains safe.

### Important Dates, School Closures & Holidays

Healthy Living Week	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	All Week
Primary 2 Assembly	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Online
Staff Development Day	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	School Closed
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Normal School Day
School Trip – Cinema	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Maghera
Carol Service	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Church
Christmas Holiday's	School finishes @11 on 22/12/21 Reopens on Wednesday 5/01/22	School Closed

Yours Sincerely

*M. Meehan*

**Mr M. Meehan** (*Principal*)