



St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

End of Year Mass

We are having our end of year celebration mass on Wednesday 19th June at 7pm in St Oliver Plunkett's Church, Greenlough. This is an opportunity for our whole community to come together and celebrate the end of this academic year. All the children from P1 - P7 are involved and it is important they are all there to take part.

P7 Leavers Assembly

Our P7 leavers assembly will take place on Tuesday 25th June at 10am in our school. P7 parents are asked to attend and celebrate the end of their children's time at St Mary's Primary School. Light refreshments will be served after the assembly. The P7 children can leave after the assembly as this will be their final day in our school.

Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent questionnaires that were sent home. The information provided is very valuable and will be used to help develop our three-year school development plan. The main areas highlighted across the questionnaires have been discussed with staff and governors and are currently being reviewed. *Please note the following:*

Parents felt that parent teacher meetings were too early and they were unaware of their child's development until they received their end of year school report. In order to keep parents regularly updated we will implement the following changes from September 2019:

October 2019 Curriculum Evening - Parents will be invited to attend a meeting with teachers from each class and targets, expectations, curriculum and extra-curriculum areas for the year will be discussed.

Parent teacher meetings - Our annual parent teacher meetings will now take place in early January. Date TBC.

Books sent home - Literacy and numeracy books will be sent home every half term (Approximately every 6-7 weeks) to allow parents to celebrate the work completed in class. This will keep parents updated of progress in class.



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End of year school report - Class reports will be sent home as normal at the end of June.

Please note - We have an open door policy in school and parents can discuss their child's progress at any time during the school year. If you do have a concern, please contact the school to arrange a time to meet with your child's class teacher

Homework

Our homework policy is currently being reviewed and relevant amendments will be made at whole school level. These changes will be implemented from September 2019.

Extra Curriculum activities

We plan to introduce a wide range of extra curriculum activities from September 2019 to add to the current opportunities presented to the children. We intend to broaden the activities throughout the school year to ensure a greater range is available. Details of the activities that will run from 2pm - 3pm for foundation stage children and 3pm - 4pm for KS1 & KS2 children will be stipulated at the beginning of our next academic year.

Breakfast club & After school's club

We will run our new breakfast club in September as a result of the support expressed by parents. The club will begin at 8am and finish at 8.45am. If children are not attending the breakfast club, they will not be permitted on site until 8.45am.

We will explore the possibility of an after school's club (2pm - 3pm) during the first term of our next academic year. P1, P2 & P3 parents will be consulted and a decision will be made based on interest expressed.

Car Park and Collecting Children

To prevent any congestion and for the safety of all the children leaving school, parents are asked to park in a suitable place when collecting children. All parents are asked to turn LEFT when exiting the car park. This will prevent any



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congestion when parents are trying to enter the car park to collect their children. We have been informed that a footpath at the front of the school will be developed over the summer as future safety measures are being implemented for our children.

End of Year Reports

Our end of year school reports for this academic year will be sent home on Friday 21st June.

School Holidays 2019-20

Our school holidays from September 2019 - June 2020 will be shared on our school website in the coming days. The calendar on the home page will outline the dates.

Stationary

As a result of financial constraints on the education system we are encouraging parents to supply their child/children with their own stationary from September 2019. This will include; pencils, colouring pencils/twistables, glue sticks and ruler. Please note, this is not mandatory and we do have limited resources available within each classroom.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working closely with you all after our summer holidays.

Yours Sincerely

Mr M. Meehan (Principal)