



# St Mary's Primary School, Greenlough

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**Dear Parents**

We are delighted to welcome our pupils back to school after the summer break and we look forward to a new school year with plenty of fun filled activities. We would like to welcome our fabulous new primary one children to Mrs Quinn's class and wish them the very best as they begin their educational journey in our school.

## **Celebrating 60yrs of Excellence**

Our school celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and we have planned a number of activities to commemorate the occasion. A letter outlining all the events will be issued in the coming weeks and we look forward to celebrate this momentous occasion together as a community.

## **Primary One Schedule**

All P1 children will finish school at 12.00pm until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September the children will stay in school all day and are to be collected at 2.00pm from our school reception. Parents are asked to provide a daily healthy snack or purchase toast via our online payment system (Parentmail). School dinners will be available from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September or children are welcome to bring a pack lunch to school.

## **School Photographer**

Our school photographer will be on site to take individual, family and class photo's on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. To commemorate our schools 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary there will be a whole school photograph on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform on both days.

## **Beginning of Year Mass**

Our beginning of year school mass will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to join us in St Oliver Plunkett's church.

## **Educational Visits & After School Clubs**

Educational visits will go ahead as planned at various stages throughout the school year. Our school will continue to work in conjunction with educational centres and risk assessments will be completed prior to each trip to ensure all safety and COVID measures are adhered to. Due to the increase in travel costs we will limit the amount of school trips throughout the year however, this will not impact on the children's opportunities.

After school clubs (3.00pm-4.00pm) will begin on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and run for six weeks.

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

- **Gardening Club** – Primary 3 & 4. Mrs Duffy & Miss O'Boyle will lead the children as they are given the opportunity to explore and engage in a range of gardening in our school ECO garden.
- **Transfer Test Prep** – Primary 7. Please contact Miss Maguire with any enquiries in relation to transfer tests [mmaguire562@c2kni.net](mailto:mmaguire562@c2kni.net)

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

- **Martial Arts** – Primary 5 & 6. Mr Meehan will lead and promote fitness & flexibility whilst addressing issues such as bullying & anti-social behaviour.

Places are limited and a booking form will be issued next week to secure your child's place. We ask parents to pay £2 a session (£12 for 6wks) to cover the cost of equipment and material.

### **School Funds, Fundraising & Cost of Living Crisis**

As energy prices continue to rise there is a lot of financial pressure on families. Therefore, we are not asking for family donations towards school funds this year. We will continue to run small fundraising events throughout the year including our monthly non-uniform day at a cost of £2 per child. Parents can make payment via our parentmail app. We intend to keep financial requests to an absolute minimum this year.

Our school will continue to work closely with our local club and together we intend to organise a drop in shop where parents can collect recycled school uniforms, shoes, club gear and football boots. Further information will be released to parents in the coming weeks.

### **PE Uniforms**

The link for our PE uniforms will go live on our school website from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. It is NOT compulsory for children to wear a PE uniform to school, they are welcome to wear suitable sports gear on their PE day. [www.stmaryspsgreenlough.com/pe-uniform/](http://www.stmaryspsgreenlough.com/pe-uniform/)

### **Breakfast Club & 2 - 3 Club**

Our breakfast club and 2-3 club begin on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The breakfast club is open to all pupils and payment can be made via our parentmail app. The breakfast club opens at 8am and runs to 8.45am. The 2-3 club is available for our P1 and P2 children and also our P3 children on Friday. Payment can be made via our parentmail app. We continue to keep the prices as low as possible for parents **Breakfast club** - £10 per week **2 - 3 club** - £10 per week (£2 for P3 children on Friday)

### **School Holidays**

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Date</b>
Halloween	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct – 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022
Christmas	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2022 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023
<b>Term 2 Begins</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Mid Term	13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
St Patrick's Day	16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Easter	Holy Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 - Finish @ 11.00am – 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Term 3 Begins</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
May Bank Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 & 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Summer Holidays	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Finish @11.00am

Yours Sincerely

*M. Meehan*

**Mr M. Meehan (Principal)**