

St. Mary's Parish Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parents Association AGM takes place **Monday 5th October at 7.30pm**. All parents are welcome.

Thank you to all parents and pupils for your co-operation with school procedures and policies. A special thanks to the Junior Infant parents for preparing pupils for school so well. Please note the following in the interests of safety:- No parking allowed in the bus bay, although it may be used as a drop off provided its drop and go with no delay. Only enter the bus bay from the same side of the road. **On a wet morning all pupils enter the school through the front door.** At going home time please stand clear of gates to allow pupils to exit. Unless bringing children into the car park we suggest meeting children in the area at front door or at the pedestrian exit.

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch – no fizzy drinks, chocolate bars, crisps, sweets or popcorn allowed.

If you have not already paid for book rental (€40) please contact the office. Also **Arts & Crafts (€35) is now due.** (Junior infants have already paid this). If you have not paid, please pay online or send it into the class teacher in an envelope. Arts & Crafts is separate to book rental. Bookrental and Arts & Crafts may also be paid by instalments.

Cover for Allianz Personal Accident Scheme offers 24 hour cover including A & E charge for the year for €9. If you wish to join, please pay online or send money into class teacher.

The following Secondary School Open nights - St. Oliver's Community College - Thursday 1st October 6-8pm; St. Mary's Diocesan School - Wednesday 7th October 6.30-8.30pm; The Sacred Heart - Thursday 8th October, 5.30-8.30pm; The Grammar School - Thursday 8th October 6-8.30pm and Greenhills - Thursday 15th October, from 7pm. **Please check immediately with the local secondary school of your choice regarding enrolment procedures and closing dates**, even if your child is in the junior classes as some schools operate a waiting list based on the date of application.

RSE PROGRAMME (Relationship, Sexuality & Education) will be delivered to 6th classes later in the year by Accord. An **information meeting for parents** takes place in the Westcourt Hotel **tonight, Wednesday 30th September** at 8.00pm.

Reminder of some of the school rules:-

- Tracksuits and runners are essential for PE and should be worn only on the appropriate days.
- Students should not wear any jewellery to school. Girls are permitted to wear stud earrings only.
- No dying of hair is permitted.
- Toys and other electronic devices are not permitted in the school.
- Mobile phones are not permitted in the school.

PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS e.g. jumpers, tracksuit tops etc. Items get lost all the time and we have no way of returning them if there is no name clearly printed.



Junior infant enrolment forms are now available for junior infants who are due to start September 2016. Forms are available on the school website www.smpps.ie or by calling to the school office. *Please note the processing of applications will begin at 12 noon Friday 22nd January 2016.*

Each year we participate in a small number of Charity fundraising events. **Friday 9th October** we will participate in **Goal Jersey Day**. Pupils are asked to wear in their favourite sports jersey or coloured t-shirt on the day and bring in a voluntary donation of €2. Proceeds from the day will mainly go to Goal with a donation also going to Route 66 and The Guide Dogs for the Blind.

On **Friday 16th October, Memory Lane photography will take an individual photograph of each pupil in Junior Infants**. A proof of each photograph will be sent home and parents may order a print if they wish. There is no obligation to buy!

Friday 23rd October will be a dress up day for Halloween. They can wear part of a costume, a costume or their favourite T-shirt. Children can come to school dressed up. Please make sure they wear appropriate footwear. Costume must be suitable for play outside during breaktime. Children are not permitted to bring accessories e.g. wands, swords, guns etc.

Parent teacher meetings take place on Thursday 19th November.

There will be a **First Holy Community meeting** for parents/guardians on **Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm** in **St. Mary's Church**. A parent/guardian is requested to attend.

First Holy Communion will be at 12 noon on **Sunday 17th April** for Ms. Byrne's, Ms. Dunne's and Ms. McCabe's classes and on **Sunday 24th of April** for Ms. McCann's and Ms. Lambe's classes in St. Mary's Church. *Parents and families are invited for tea & light refreshments in the school library after the First Holy Communions.*

FIRST CONFESSION takes place on Tuesday 1st March for Ms. Lambe's & Ms. McCann's classes and on Wednesday 2nd March for Ms. Byrne's, Ms. Dunne's and Ms. McCabe's classes at 7pm in St. Mary's Church.

The Sacrament of **Confirmation** will take place on Sunday 15th May 2016 at 12 noon in St. Mary's Church.

Roll Call/Absences: Please note that the roll call for attendance is taken at 10am each morning. Students who arrive after that time must be marked absent. (However teachers will make a note if the student comes in at a later time.) Also in the case of student absence parents must send a written explanation when the student returns to school.

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