

St. Mary's Parish Primary School

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to welcome you all back for a new school year. Thanks especially to parents of our new junior infants in helping them to settle into 'big school' so quickly. Just a few reminders as we start out the year.

Art & Crafts and photocopying money is now due (€35). We collect this separately from our book scheme to make payment easier. [Junior infants have already paid this]. **Please pay online using our online epayment system.** *[Please do not send cash to the teacher/office].* A link has been sent to your email/phone. You may pay in instalments if this is more convenient.

Pupil Personal Accident: This provides cover for all medical expenses (including dental) in the event of any injury caused by an accident at home or at school (24 hour cover). Cost is €9 per child which can be paid using e-payments. We recommend this to all parents.

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

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.

Roll Call/Absences: Please note that the roll call for attendance is taken at 10am each morning. Students not present at that time are marked absent. (Teachers will make a note if the student comes in at a later time, but roll cannot be changed.) When your son/daughter is absent you must send a written explanation on his/her return to school.

School Rules: The full **Code of Behaviour** is available on our website. All parents sign up to this upon enrolment. Please note the following points that often come up during the year:

- Tracksuits and runners are essential for PE & should be worn only on the appropriate days.
- Students should not wear any jewelry 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.
- **Students are not permitted to have mobile phones in school.**

Parents Association AGM: The Date for the Parents Association AGM has been set for Monday 24th September at 8pm in the school. We would encourage as many of you as possible to come along and make sure you have a voice in **your school!** For more information on the PA email smppsparentsassociation@gmail.com

School Calendar 2018/19: see all important dates below (including sacramental dates)

Over the year I will send out regular newsletters but up to the minute news can be found in the news section on our website (www.smpps.ie).

LIST OF DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018/19

Oct./Nov:	Fri. 26 th October – School Closed for elections Halloween Break: Mon. 29 th Oct.– Fri. 2 nd Nov.
December:	Christmas Holidays: Close 12 noon Fri. 21 st and re-open Mon. 7 th Jan. 2019
January:	Jan 18 th – Closing date for applications for Junior Infants <u>2019/20</u>
February:	Mid-Term Break - Closed Thurs. 21 st / Fri. 22 nd
March:	Mon. 18 th & Tues. 19 th – Closed for St. Patrick’s Day
April:	Easter Holidays: Close 12 noon Fri. 12 th April, reopen Mon. 29 th April.
May:	Mon. 6 th May – School Closed
June:	Mon. 3 rd /Tuesday 4 th - School Closed Summer Holidays 12 noon Friday 28 th June 2019

SACRAMENTAL DATES:

Confirmation:	Saturday 30 th March @ 11.00am in St Mary’s Church
First Communion:	Saturday 11 th May @ 11.00am (<i>Ms. Walsh / Ms. Kerr / Mr. Kelly</i>) Saturday 18 th May @ 11.00am (<i>Mr. Dunphy and Ms. Califf</i>)

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John Weir