**** St Mary’s Convent Primary School**

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***Imlitir 2***

6th September, 2016

***Every Day Counts at St Mary’s Convent Primary School***

***31st August - 2nd September 2016***

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| **Room** | **Attendance** | **Room** | **Attendance** | **Room** | **Attendance** | **Room** | **Attendance** |
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| 01 | 97.4 % | 08 | 88% | 16 | 97.5% | 26 | % |
| 02 | 96.2% | 09 | 93.3% | 17 | 78% | 27 | 84.7% |
| 03 | 100% | 10 | 94% | 18 | 94.4% | 30 | 98.7% |
| 04 | 89.7% | 12 | 95.2% | 19 | 95.1% | 31 | 100% |
| 05 | 98.7% | 13 | 95.6% | 20 | 95.2% |   |   |
| 06 | 100% | 14 | 91.4% | 23 & 24 | 100% |   |   |
| 07 | 96% | 15 | 96.4% |  |  |   |   |

Congratulations to Rooms **3, 6, 23 &** **24** on having full attendance last week and to Room **5 and 30** who almost made it! Please note that notification in writing to the teacher is required for all absences. A letter or note in the homework journal will suffice.

A chairde,

Junior Infants are now lining up in the yard in the mornings, but will be collected from their classrooms in the afternoons. They have all settled in well, thank God, and most of the mammies and daddies are doing ok! Can I stress to parents/guardians, all through the school, that if any child is having difficulties settling in to let us know. Thanks. May I remind all parents of all classes not to line up with your child in the morning. You are creating a dependence. Drop and go or wait behind the line or to one side. All parents/guardians are asked to stand well back to allow the lines to enter the school and to wait until they are all in, before leaving. This is to ensure that the children have unrestricted access to the walkway to their classrooms.

Parents bringing their children to school by car are asked to park sensibly in the car park outside the school gates **Please do not park in the spaces reserved for school buses and school taxis.** Please do not drive within the school grounds, as this is a danger to the school children. Parking in the school grounds is reserved for staff only.

At this stage all pupils are expected to have their full uniform and tracksuit. If for some reason your child is unable to wear his/her uniform please write a note to his/her teacher in the homework journal. Please put some form of identification on **all items** of uniform clothing, in particular the jackets and jumpers, and check with the school if any are lost.

 All pupils are also expected to be in school on time. School starts at 9.20a.m.

We are updating our records, please let us know if you have changed address, telephone number, contact person, doctor etc.

Pupils who cycle to school are asked to wear a safety helmet at all times, and to be vigilant, especially at junctions. Bikes must be dismounted on entering the school premises.

### Please note that Friday 16th September is Jersey Day. The pupils may (if they wish) come to school in a sports jersey of their choice, with the bottoms of the school tracksuit. Voluntary contributions of €2 will be collected for our “Sports Fund”. The current balance of our Sports Fund is -€1,010.19.

**Volunteer Parents.** Parents/Guardians who are in a position to do voluntary work, please contact the school. We have a Tuesday morning group – Meitheal – who meet from 9.30-10.30. They help prepare work for the younger pupils. Meitheal is a bit of cutting, a bit of pasting, some photocopying, a chat, a cuppa, and a well spent hour. On other days, this year, we are looking for volunteers to “listen” to Junior Infants reading, to help with ICT and to help with Library (probably on Fridays). If this is you or you would like more details, please phone Helen in the office.

The **school photographer** will be coming on 27th September, as mentioned in our school Calendar. He will be taking photographs of all children. If you **do not wish** your child to have his/her photograph taken, please let us know. A note in the Homework Journal will suffice. Group photographs will be taken for Junior Infants and Sixth Classes only. Proofs will be available before purchase, about two weeks afterwards. **Please ensure that your child is in school uniform (Senior Infants to Sixth classes) and not tracksuit on this day, Junior Infant children to wear tracksuit.** Please note that the school has requested a mug shot of each pupil for school record purposes.

**Friendship Week**

This year it will from September 19th – 23rd and each class will be undertaking activities and lessons which promote positive relationships in our school. This is an ideal time to remind those who have not already done so to read our school ‘Anti – Bullying Policy’ given out on enrolment and also contained in our homework journals. Spare copies can be e-mailed to you (we are a Green School!) on request.

**Mother Teresa** was declared a saint on Sunday. She dedicated her life to Jesus and to helping others living in poverty. She said and did many meaningful things which we can learn from. One of her quotes upon being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 was ‘Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do, but how much love we put on the action that we do’.

**Communication**

This *Imlitir*is also being sent to you via email as well as this hard copy. If you have not received it by email, please let us know. Next week we intend sending **ONLY** email copies, hard copies will only be available on request. Separated parents are asked to let us know if two copies are required and if two text numbers are required for text communication. *Imlitreacha* can be sent by email to the parent not living in the family home. We often use texts to communicate also. Please let us know if you change your phone number.

**Monies Owed:** Please note that payments can be facilitated online and in instalments. Contact us for further details.

**Voluntary Contribution:** Please note that this is a request for €50 per family that goes towards computer equipment and other associated materials, as well as technical support and extra teaching. This can also be facilitated online and in instalments. Thanks.

***Pupil Insurance***

*By now you should all have received application forms for Pupil Insurance. If you are interested in taking out this insurance to cover your child/children, please return the forms to teachers by* ***Friday 9th September****. A receipt will be issued in due course and this is also your proof of payment.*

 *Parents’ Association.*

Finally, I would like to welcome to our school Miss Denise and Miss Cathy, who will be working with Junior and Senior Infants respectively, for this school year. We thank them and wish them every success.

Mise le meas,



Cóilín Ó Coigligh, Príomh Oide.

[**Green News**](#greennews)

[**Community News**](#communitynews)

**Nath na Seachtaine**:  **Dia duit! / Dia 's Muire duit! Is mise.....**

**Seanfhocal na Míosa: Tús maith, leath na hoibre!**

**Dates to Remember**

**Assembly:** Friday 9th. **Behaviour in the Yard**.

 Seniors @ 9.30 Juniors @ 9.40

**Meitheal:** Every Tuesday morning 9.30-10.30.

**Camogie:** Wednesday 3.00-4.00 p.m. Third – Sixth Classes

**Rounders:** Monday 3.00-4.00 p.m. Third – Sixth Classes

[**Green News**](#greennews)

As we settle into another year at St Mary’s, we are forming our various committees and planning for the year ahead. Our Green Committee will be focussing on the theme of Global Citizenship and the main emphasis will be Litter and Waste Management! Reducing, Reusing and Recycling are common practises here in school. At school, we recycle batteries, mobile phones, postage stamps, plastic bottles, cardboard and toilet rolls.

We will be resuming our WOW (Walking on Wednesdays) and COW (Cycling on Wednesdays) tomorrow September 7th. We would encourage as many as possible to avail of these fine weeks to walk or cycle to school. Choosing these modes of getting around is better for the environment and better for us all! The usual meeting points will be used again this year.

Walkers may meet up at Mornington House or down at the Matchbox on Emmet Street at 9 am and teachers will accompany the children from there to the school.

Cyclists meet just inside the Entrance to Steeple Manor at 8:55 am and will cycle in along the river to school. It is quite a lovely start to the day. Cyclists must be from 4th Class up or accompanied by a parent if younger than this. All cyclists must wear a high viz vest and a helmet.

***Just a thought:***

***“The state of tomorrow’s world depends on the state on our children’s minds today”***

**Heidi Thomspon**

[**Community Notices**](#communitynoitices)

Jiggle 'n' Jump - Music & Movement classes happening upstairs in the Trim GAA. Tuesday's 9.45am

€5 a class for the month of September (€8 for two siblings)

Also, starting Toddler Art classes, afternoon Music & Movement class and an After School Club!

Face painting & various characters for party entertainment......lots of packages and very reasonable!

[www.facebook.com/jigglenjump](http://www.facebook.com/jigglenjump) Contact Julie on 0868505310

Parent, Baby & Toddler Group for parents, grandparents and child minders to meet, chat and enjoy a cuppa, while the kids play and have fun. Tea/coffee juice and biscuits for all and sing song at the end. Running Monday's 9.45-11.45am and Wednesday's 10-12 noon. Upstairs in the Trim GAA only €4 per family. :)

**Become a Confident communicator, ~Classes for students from 5 years +**

Boyneside Speech and Drama classes will recommence in St Michaels boys Primary School, Trim on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September. Contact Dorothy for class details. 087-2201981 dorscully@gmail.com

**ZUMBA  :-**

MONDAY  &  WEDNESDAY  8pm  TRIM GAA.  No booking, partner or experience required......just grab your water and your smile and get ready to dance your cares away!   €8 per class   Contact  :  Lorraine  086 8693546

**ZUMBA KIDS :-**

We are starting back 3.15pm  TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER.  Looking forward to seeing all our little dancers! €6 per class  (€5 sibling rate)   No booking required    Contact  :  Lorraine  086 8693546

**Music Lessons.**

Learn to play a Musical Instrument Locally. Music classes take place in St. Mary’s on Thursday afternoons. Practical and Theory of music taught. Preparation for Graded examinations. End of term concert. Keyboard, Voilin, Clarinet, Fulte and Saxophone classes, €100 for 10 lessons. Contact Kieran Holt 087-6267477.

**Elegance Gymnastics Club**

We are enrolling girls from 5 – 14 for the Rhythmic Gymnastics in St. Mary’s Primary School Sports Hall. Please contact elegancegym.15@gmail.com 087-6339498 or 087-9134334.