



# St Mary's Convent Primary School

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Awarded Green Flag  
June '05/07/11/13

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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

## Every Day Counts at St Mary's Convent Primary School 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance
01	94.8%	08	94.3%	16	96.6 %	26	95.4 %
02	96.3%	09	93.3%	17	92 %	27	95.6%
03	98.5%	10	99.2%	18	98.5%	30	97.9%
04	95.6%	12	97.7%	19	99.4%	31	99.2%
05	95.7%	<b>13</b>	<b>100%</b>	20	95.3%		
06	95.7%	14	98.1%	<b>23 &amp; 24</b>	<b>100%</b>		
07	99.3%	15	96.2%				

*Congratulations to room s13, 23 & 24 on having full attendance last week. Their teachers will let them know their reward. Please note that notification in writing, with the reason for all absences, to the teacher is required. A letter or note in the homework journal will suffice.*

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School closes for the Mid-Term Break on Thursday at 2.00 (Infants) and 3.00 (rest of school). We wish everyone a restful and safe Halloween. We re-open on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9.20am.

Many thanks for the wonderful response to our **Sponsored Walk**. An enjoyable day was had by all and our debt on the All-Weather Pitch has decreased. We will let you know the total amount collected this week, when the counting is completed. Check out the photo's below.





**Consent Forms:** are designed and ready to go. They will be done annually from now on, rather than on enrolment only. We will be sending the form by email, so please keep an eye out for it and send it back by email at your earliest convenience.

**Parent Teacher Meetings:** As explained last week, these will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of November. from 3.00 to 5.30. School finishes for the pupils @ 2.45 on both these days. Letters were issued last week for online appointments. Please book your time/s as soon as possible, especially if there is more than one child involved. If you have not got a letter with an access code, please contact the school immediately.

Special Ed will also have meetings at the same time.

### **Christmas Shoebox Appeal in St Mary's**

It is that time of year again and the families in St Mary's are once again invited to join in the shoebox appeal sharing Christmas with children who may not receive gifts otherwise. Last year our shoeboxes were delivered to children in the Congo who were delighted to open up the beautiful gifts. Thank you!

Good things come in small parcels and there are few parcels shared that are as small as a shoebox. Through the Christmas Shoebox Appeal children in Africa and Eastern Europe can enjoy this special time of year. Children in St Mary's and in Ireland are lucky to have lovely things at home and at school and we have an opportunity to share some kindness with these children who have little and will be so grateful and excited to receive the gift. The shoebox appeal is based on children/families filling a shoebox with **4 W's**- something to **Wear**(hat, scarf, hairbands etc) something to **Write** with (crayons, pencils, notebooks etc) something to **Wash** with(toothbrush, facecloth etc) and something to **WOW** (teddy, small toy, sunglasses etc). The appeal also asks for a small donation to cover the transport cost of the gifts. It is a lovely way for children in our school to share with less fortunate children in another country. As previously, it is optional for the children of St Mary's to get involved with the Shoebox Appeal. Families or friends can pool together gifts to fill one box if they prefer. Mile buíochas for always being so generous with these appeals for very worthy causes. Children will get a leaflet today with more information. Watch the link below to see some very happy faces opening up their shoeboxes last year.

The shoeboxes will be collected from the school on Thursday 8th November and can be dropped in to the school/Room 9 any time until then.

<https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/#play-video>

Ms Dalton

## **Book Fair**

St. Mary's annual School Book Fair will take place after the mid-term break, on **Tuesday 6th** and **Wednesday 7th** of November.

The school runs the Book Fair, in conjunction with our local bookshop, Antonia's Bookstore. Antonia kindly donates 20% of her book sales back to the school in the form of books and resources for our classrooms and our school library. We greatly appreciate your support and, as November is our Reading Month, the Book Fair is a good opportunity to encourage and develop more reading in the home and in the school.

The average price per book at the Book Fair will be €8 approx. but there will also be a selection of books on special offer, at a lower price.

**Parents/ guardians of children in Junior and Senior Infants** need to collect their children from their classes, at their allocated times, and bring them to the Book Fair, if they wish them to attend.

Many thanks for your continued support of our School Book Fair.

Mary O'Hare

### **Book Fair Timetable Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>9.30-10.00</b>	<b>Rooms 23, 24, 14 &amp; 15- Lang. Unit &amp; Second Classes</b>	<b>Room 31-Sixth Class</b>
<b>10.00- 10.30</b>	<b>Room 20-Fourth Class</b>	<b>Room 9-First Class</b>
<b>10.30- 11.00</b>	<b>Room 19-Fourth Class</b>	<b>Room 18-Third Class</b>
<b>11.15-11- 45</b>	<b>Room 16-Third Class</b>	<b>Room 12-First Class</b>
<b>11.45- 12.15</b>	<b>Room 26-Fifth Class</b>	<b>Room 27-Fifth Class</b>
<b>1.00-1.30</b>	<b>Room 13-First Class</b>	<b>Room 10-First Class</b>
<b>1.30- 2.30</b>	<b>Rooms 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4 (with their parents) Junior Infants</b>	<b>Rooms 5, 6, 7 &amp; 8 (with their parents) Senior Infants</b>
<b>2.30-3.00</b>	<b>Room 30-Sixth Class</b>	<b>Pupils with money from any classes</b>
<b>3.00-4.00</b>	<i>Open to the public</i>	<i>Open to the public</i>

#### **Computer Room:**

This week will see students typing Acrostic poems about Halloween. They will learn to create a first letter that is larger than the others with a different colour to distinguish between the poem and the word. Some students will continue to participate in Mangahigh in hopes of reaching first place on the leaderboard.

Debby Walsh

**School Photos:** The deadline for ordering photographs **is the morning of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** to avail of the free school delivery. After this date they can be ordered online using their unique Photo ID and password (provided to you on the proof cards). Photo proofs should be returned whether photos are wanted or not

**Enrolment Forms** for children starting school in Sept 2019 are now available from the office.

**Meitheal** has restarted on Tuesday mornings. Parents/guardians volunteer to help create resource materials for the children. It lasts about an hour and it is a social as well as a work occasion. If interested, please contact Helen or Rebecca.

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**Nathanna na Seachtaine: Is maith liom O che Shamhna/ N  maith liom O che Shamhna**  
**Seanfhocal na M osa: N  aon tinte n mar do thinte n f in**

**Dates to Remember**

<b>Meitheal:</b>	Tuesday 9.30-10.30.
<b>Rounders:</b>	Every Monday (Weather permitting) 3.00 – 4.00
<b>Banna:</b>	<b>Every Tuesday 3 – 4 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Class finish at 3.30 until after the Halloween Break</b>
<b>Football:</b>	Wednesday 3.00 – 4.00
<b>Choir:</b>	Friday 3.00 – 4.00 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Classes
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Class Confirmation:</b>	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>First Communion:</b>	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>School Closure:</b>	<b>Presidential Election Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>

**Green News**

Midterm break is almost upon us. We hope that everyone has a very safe and happy Halloween Break. WOW will continue this week. Meet up on Wednesday mornings at Mornington Car Park (opposite the Castle Arch Hotel) at 9 am or outside The Matchbox at 9:00am. The teachers and SNAs will escort walkers from these venues. Wear hi viz vests for safety and wrap up well as the weather is getting cooler. Global Citizenship - Energy is our Green theme this year. We are very aware of our responsibility as Global citizens to conserve energy and other natural resources. Here at St Mary’s we try to cultivate a good green lifestyle and habits that will travel with our pupils wherever they go. We will be trying to audit the amount of energy we use in school, and through vigilance and cost cutting measures we will try to reduce that amount. At home it might be a good exercise to monitor your usage also and pay attention to devices left on or on stand-by. As the weather grows cooler we need to wrap up more warmly, keep doors closed and keep the heat in. Recycling continues at school. We accept batteries, cans, small plastic bottles, postage stamps, card, toilet rolls and mobile phones. Many thanks to all the pupils and parents who contribute to this initiative.

***Remember Green is cool at home, at school and around the globe!***

## Community Notices

**Art & Craft Club** will start Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov in Room 4 from 3.00 – 4.00. It will run for 6 weeks. The cost is €30. We will be painting, making Christmas decorations and developing drawing skills. It is for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class children. Contact Ms Carr

**Homework Club** in St Mary's for children from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes run on Mon, Tuesday & Thursdays 3.00 – 4.00pm. Cost is €5 per day. Application Forms are available from the office or Ms Conaty Room 11.

**Trim Family Resource Centre** is hosting Festival of Food - an event that will bring people from various cultures together to share their traditional foods and recipes. Tasting foods from various cultures and bringing your own dish to share is optional. We are planning to host live demos of how to make Irish apple tart and Polish pierogi this year, and share recipes that reduce food waste in everyday cooking. There is no entry fee and both children and adults are welcome! Festival of Food will take place on 15th October from 4 to 6pm in Trim FRC2, 15 Wellington Avenue.

**Carney School of Irish Dancing** Classes in St. Patricks Hall every Tuesday. 2pm – 3pm & 3pm – 4pm. Every Friday @ 5.30pm. Infants and Senior infants can be collected from class rooms @ 2pm and left back to the buses @ 3pm. New members & beginners welcome. Contact Ann Carney 087-6336495



**SPOOKEY PARTY**  
Limited Places

Calling all Boys and Girls ages 4-13

Tuesday 30th October  
9:30 am – 2:00 pm  
St Mary's Primary School, Trim

Arts and Crafts  
Baking  
Games  
Drama  
Sport

1 child €20  
Families- €15 per child

Please contact Shelagh on 085 7485578, for more information.

Fill in application form and return with payment to St Mary's Primary School before Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018

\*Please note- The party is subject to minimum numbers and may not run if numbers are not attained.



**TRIM LINE DANCE CLUB**

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT  
Starting 4<sup>th</sup> October!!

8.30-9.30PM

**LINE DANCE BEGINNERS CLASS**  
€5 DROP IN (ALL LEVELS WELCOME)

VENUE: ST. MARY'S CONVENT NATIONAL SCHOOL,  
PATRICK ST, TRIM

**NO NEED TO SIGN UP JUST COME ALONG,  
HAVE FUN, MEET NEW PEOPLE AND KEEP  
FIT!**

ANY QUERIES CONTACT CLAIRE – 086 1071187