# St. Mary's Primary School

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### Newsletter

## 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

### Welcome back!

We are so pleased to be back at school and to see all of you after the summer break. The children have got straight back into their routine and are already impressing their new teachers with their learning attitudes and beautiful smiles.

I want to say a special welcome to our new Junior Infant children and their families, and to the families of all the new children starting with us this term. We are so pleased to have you joining our community.

This year, we have a number of new staff: Ms Moore and Ms Brandon in 6<sup>th</sup> Class, Mr Castle in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and Ms Carey in 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Conor has joined our SNA team. I know you will all make them feel very welcome.

In the next few weeks, we will organise an opportunity for an online meeting with your child's class teacher so you can find out more about their learning in their new class.

#### **Covid-19 Procedures**

Please read the attached guidance from the Department of Education and the Public Health team about how to help us keep your child safe at school while Covid19 numbers remain high. We are doing all we can at school with hand hygiene, cleaning and reminders but we need your help to ensure children stay at home if they are sick. Please wear a face mask when you are dropping/collecting your child from school and keep your distance from other adults.

### **School Books and Tracksuits**

Thank you to all families who have already paid the €60 for books, copies and school resources. If you have not made this payment, please call into the school office or pay online via the Aladdin app. We are happy to take money in smaller instalments if this is easier for you. Tracksuits can also be ordered online and cost €25 each.

Class teachers will let you know next week which days the children should wear their tracksuits. Full uniform should be worn on the other days and school jumpers and ties are available from Grants shop on Manor Street.

Having spent so much money on new uniforms and tracksuits – please make sure your child's name is clearly marked. Every day we find jumpers with no names and it is a challenge to return it!

### **Parking and Traffic**

Please park carefully and drive slowly near the school to keep our children safe. Please also respect our neighbours and park legally in a proper space. You can always park a little further away and walk to school if necessary. Thank you.

### Attendance and punctuality

Please let us know if your child will not be in school by updating the Aladdin app, calling the school office on (01) 8300841, emailing <a href="mailto:office@stmarysprimaryschool.ie">office@stmarysprimaryschool.ie</a> or filling out the absence form on our website.

### Dates for your diary

22<sup>nd</sup> October – School closes for Mid-Term Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> November – School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

### **Updating Information**

If your contact information has changed over the summer, please ensure we have your new address, telephone number or other details. This is particularly important if we need to contact you in case of emergency. You can update this information on the Aladdin app yourself, or call in to see Liz in the office.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Éadaoin Kelly Principal

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