

Week beginning Monday 24th May 2021 Newsletter

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We are now in the last week before our mid-term break and this week in school we very much look forward to celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with our Primary 7 class on Wednesday 26th May with Father O'Hagan.

Please note school closes at 11.00am for all pupils on Wednesday 26th May 2021

Primary 1 Finish Time

From Monday 24th May our Primary 1 class will now be dismissed from school at 1.55pm Monday-Thursday and at 1.45pm on Friday's

High Five

It's time for another edition of HIGH FIVE! the newsletter produced by Primary Behaviour Support and Provisions. In this issue Of High Five we are thinking about being independent and trying to do some things without help. There are lots of ideas to help pupils work together to take on new challenges.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/publications/issue-24-primary-behaviour-support-provisions-newsletter-high-five>



Holidays Dates for Term 3

Wednesday 26th May*

School closing at 11.00am for all pupils.

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

School closed for pupils.

Wednesday 30th June

School closes at 11.00am for Summer Holidays

Contacting the School

If contacting the school about any queries or issues, please remember that the first point of contact is by phone to the school office: 028 427 28278. School e-mail is info@stmarysps.portaferry.ni.sch.uk

We will pass on messages to your child's teacher when received and get back to you as soon as possible.

Month of May

The month of May has always been a time when we are asked to make a special devotion to Mary. During this month why not take a little time, as a family, to pray to our lady or even make a special altar within our homes.



Portaferry GAC

Our After School's Hurling will be on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. On the days your child is attending they can come to school in their school tracksuit, even if it is not a designated PE day and they can bring in their own hurl and helmet if they wish. However, there will be plenty of hurls and helmets available for everyone. If it is a wet day we will have to cancel the session and parents will be notified via the text messaging service.

Tuesday	P4/5 3.00-4.00pm
Thursday	P1/2/3 2.00-3.00pm



DINNERS

This week's menu is contained below. Dinners cost £2.60 per day and must be paid at the beginning of each week in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and days on which they wish to have school dinner

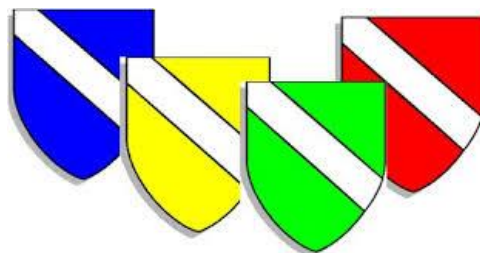
Monday	Stew & crusty bread/ Strawberry milkshake, apple crumble with custard - fresh fruit Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Tuesday	Fish fingers with cubed potatoes & sweetcorn/ Raspberry milkshake Chocolate brownie, - fresh fruit Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Wednesday	
Thursday	Chicken Curry with boiled rice & naan bread./ Frozen strawberry Mousse - Fresh Fruit Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink
Friday	Happy Friday Meal Chicken Nuggets with Chips & Veg/ Chocolate chip muffin - fresh fruit Ham/ Cheese/ Jam Sandwich / Biscuit/ Drink



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

During the month of May the focus is on "Always Trying Their Best." This week our Pupils of the Week were;

P1	Cara
P2	Oisin
P3	Chris
P4	Niamh
P5	Larragh
P6	Daithi
P7	Cara



BRONZE CERTIFICATES

These certificates are given to pupils who have achieved 40 individual House Points and this week they were given to Lucas (P3), Leo (P3), Darragh (P3), Dawson (P4), Sean (P4), Brogan (P5), Keelan (P5) Eva Marie (P6), Aoibhe (P6) and Caitlin H (P6)

SILVER CERTIFICATES

These certificates are given to pupils who have achieved 80 individual House Points and were given to Holly (P4).

GOLD CERTIFICATES

We were also delighted to be able to present Gold certificate for achieving 100 House Points to Olly (P3), Meah (P4), Cian (P4), JJ (P4), Emma (P5), Adam (P5), Carli (P5) and Francis (P6).



EDUCATION RESTART



EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE AND HELPING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

EVERYONE SHOULD CONTINUE TO:

- ✓ **Wash** hands regularly
- ✓ **Cover** coughs and sneezes
- ✓ **Wear** a face covering where necessary
- ✓ **Practise** social distancing
- ✓ **Follow** the latest public health advice

WHAT SHOULD I NOT DO?

- ✓ **Don't** send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms or if they have been identified as a close contact
- ✓ **Don't** allow your child to use public transport unless you have no alternative
- ✓ **Don't** gather at the school entrance/gate
- ✓ **Don't** allow your child to share food/drinks with friends

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- ✓ **Do** let the school know if your child will be absent due to COVID-19 symptoms
- ✓ **Do** follow the advice given if you have been contacted by the PHA Contact Tracing Service
- ✓ **Do** encourage your child to socially distance if it is possible
- ✓ **Do** encourage good hand hygiene
- ✓ **Do** use alternative transport if you can
- ✓ **Do** walk or cycle if it's safe and appropriate to do so
- ✓ **Do** use park and ride or other car-parking facilities (if available), and walk the remainder of the journey to school
- ✓ **Do** avoid parking close to or at the school gates
- ✓ **Do** encourage the use of face coverings on school transport and in post-primary schools/ settings
- ✓ **Do** encourage and supervise your child to carry out a COVID-19 test if they have been invited to participate

FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS, CAN BE FOUND ON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S WEBSITE AT: [WWW.EDUCATION-NI.GOV.UK](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk)



LET'S ALL KEEP OUR SCHOOL SAFE

We need your help! We want everyone to be safe, healthy and enjoy school.

So, make sure you follow these new rules...

IF YOU ARE SICK, YOU MIGHT HAVE TO STAY AT HOME

Going to school is really important, but if you have a bad cough or feel very warm, tell a grown-up right away.



GIVE EACH OTHER SPACE

Keep a safe distance from your teachers and friends as much as you can. You should try to stay in your bubble.



CATCH YOUR COUGHS & SNEEZES

Cover your face with your elbow, or use a tissue. (Don't forget to put used tissues in the bin!)



WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands lots of times during the day. (Make sure you wash them as soon as you get to school too!)



HOLD ONTO YOUR OWN ITEMS

You should not share things like pencils, food and drinks with your friends.



IT'S OK TO HAVE QUESTIONS!
YOU CAN ALWAYS ASK A
PARENT, CARER OR TEACHER.



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