



Week beginning Monday 10th January 2022 Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

It has been great welcoming all of our pupils and staff back for another term. We have a busy term planned and hopefully lots of learning and enjoyment along the way, with little or no disruption. We thank you, in advance, for your continued support and co-operation, it is very much appreciated.

COVID UPDATE

The latest advice we have with regards to Covid is that if you have symptoms of or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 you must self-isolate. If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, follow the guidance on self-isolation and testing below using the link

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating-and-close-contacts>

An updated lateral flow explanation chart is attached at the end of this newsletter.

If your child is absent from school, for whatever reason, we ask that you contact the school by telephone on 02842728278 or email to info@stmarysps.portaferry.ni.sch.uk to notify us of the purpose of their absence. A follow up letter of explanation must be brought into school upon your child's return to school.

If the school is informed of a positive Lateral Flow test result from a pupil a text message will issue to the concerned class via our text messaging service, for your information.

NURSERY / PRIMARY 1 APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

The application portal will open on Monday 10th January. Visit our school website for further details and if you need any advice, just contact the school office and we'll be happy to help.
<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

AFTER SCHOOLS CLUB

We are delighted to be able to announce a re-start of our After School programme for 2022. It is our intention to run a consistent after school's programme from Monday through to Thursday each week. The cost of each hour is £2.00 per hour attending and this can be paid weekly. Further details are below

Saint Mary's Primary School After Schools Clubs

Week beginning Monday 10th January 2022

Monday - Thursday



**P2/3 Pupils
2.00pm - 3.00pm**



**P2/3/4/5/6/7 Pupils
3.00pm-4.00pm**



**Primary 2/3 pupils can stay on
until 4.00pm**



**Activities will vary each day
Cost: £2 per hour
attending**



This can be paid weekly

Our After School Club will be held in a room at the "old end" of the school building. All pupils will exit the building via the "old end" entrance facing the chapel car park at their allocated time.

All weekly bookings must be made in advance and confirmed at the beginning of each week with name, days attending and money included stated clearly at the front of a sealed envelope.

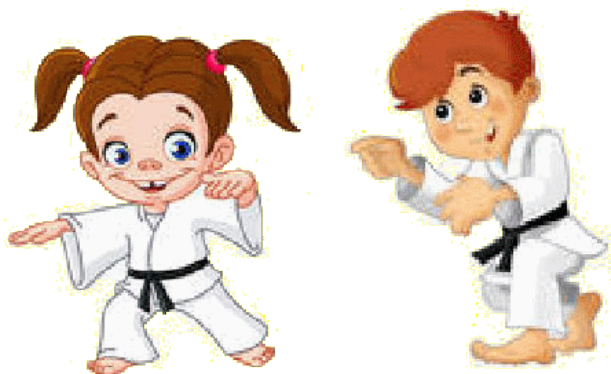


In conjunction with the After School's room we also offer after school activities on the following days;

Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm P4/5/6/7 Irish Dancing

Wednesday 2.00-3.00pm P1/2/3 Irish Dancing

These Irish Dancing sessions are also £2.00 per hour.



Thursday 2.00-3.00pm P1/2/3 Judo
3.00-4.00pm P4/5/6/7 Judo

This club is being run by Peggy Magee and payment for this is independent from the school.

Registration is done using the link

<https://www.teamo.chat/club/register/psj>

The class is £4 a class but there is discount for those already a club member

SCHOOL DINNERS

School Dinners will be served as normal during this incoming week.

Monday	Spaghetti Bolognese, Grated Cheese, Sliced Crusty Bread, Broccoli Florets & Fresh Baton Carrots Homemade Rice Pudding & Peaches
Tuesday	Breaded cod fish fingers Lemon Slice and Tartar Sauce, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Mashed Potato Apple Crumble & Custard
Wednesday	Roast Beef, Gravy, Herb Stuffing, Cauliflower Cheese, Fresh Diced Carrot & Parsnip Dry Oven Roasted Potato Mashed Potatoes Melon Slice & Yoghurt
Thursday	Breast of Chicken Curry with boiled rice, naan bread, Crunchy Fresh Coleslaw, Garden Peas & Selection of Salads Homemade shortbread & Fruit Pot
Friday	Bread Chicken Goujons or Chicken Baguette, Selection of Salads, Salsa Dip, Sweetcorn, Chips or baked Potato Jelly & Ice Cream with Fruit Salad
BREAK	

Monday

Toast 30p or

Pancake 50p

Tuesday

Toast 30p

Wednesday

Toast 30p or buttered bagel 50p

Thursday

Toast 30p

Friday

Toast 30p or homemade buttered scone 50p

Also available daily!

Apple/ Orange juice 40p; Milkshake 40p; water 50p; Selection of fresh fruit 25p



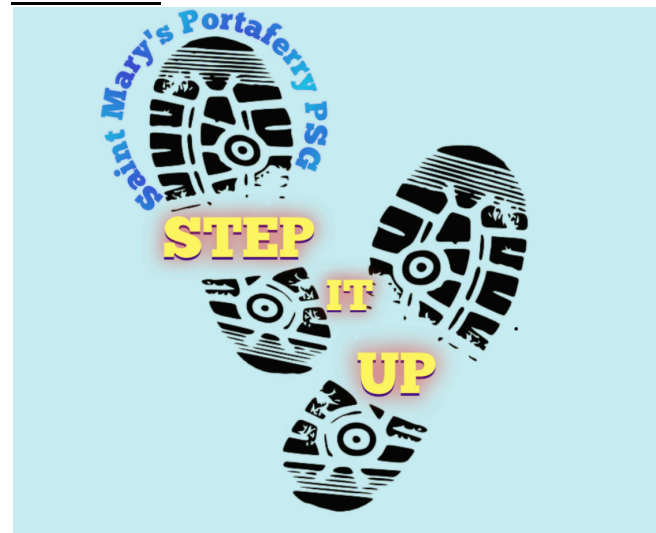
PUPILS OF THE WEEK

During the month of January the focus is on "Looking out for the need of others."

This week our Pupils of the Week were;

P1	Alfie
P2	Cobhlaith
P3	Alex
P4	Aoibhinn
P5	Dawson
P6	Orna
P7	Lily-May

STEP IT UP



Only 2 more days to go until we start our Step Challenge. Have you signed in yet? It is not too late to do so. Final applications are being accepted on Monday 10th January. What better way to step into 2022.



Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing

No COVID symptoms

Take an LFD test twice a week
or before higher risk activities

My LFD test is positive

Self isolate for **10 days** after the day
you took the test.

You can stop self-isolating from day 7 **with**
2 negative LFDs at least 24 hours apart

The earliest date you can take the first
LFD is day 6.

You do not need to book a PCR test

COVID symptoms

Self isolate and
book a PCR test

My PCR test is positive

Self isolate for **10 days** after the day
you took the test.

You can stop self-isolating from day 7 **with**
2 negative LFDs at least 24 hours apart

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