



May 2019

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We now look forward to the month of May. As always there are many events taking place in the school, but the highlight is the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion for our Primary 4 pupils on Saturday 18th May. We require all the pupils from Primary 5-7 there, on that morning, to help with the choir. I have no doubt, you won't let us down.

Our Parent Support Group continue to play a very active role within our school. First up is the marathon whereby 66 volunteers have signed up to compete in either the relay, half marathon, full marathon, fun run or walk. We thank them, in advance for their dedication and we hope their efforts raise some money for our school. Also on Saturday 25th they have organised a Bag Pack for Tesco's in Newtownards. We will be looking for your help!

Please continue to check out our web site for all the latest news. We are continually updating the individual classes page with the latest news and happenings in school.

Mr Gilchrist

Important Dates to remember

**Monday 6th/
Tuesday 7th**
School closed for pupils

Saturday 18th
First Holy Communion

**Friday 24th/
Monday 27th/
Tuesday 28th**
School closed for Pupils



Happy Birthday to ...



During the month of May the following pupils will be celebrating their birthdays

Ronan McGrattan (P3)	Lorcan Trainor (P7)	Rocco Blaney (P5)
Lucas Murray (P1)	Grace Sweeney (P3)	Daniel Guinan-Kelly (P7)
Oscar Denvir (P1)	Francis Keating (P4)	Cillian McGarry (P1)
Cahlie Boyd (P4)	Lucie-Mai Donnelly (P5)	Jamie Curran (P7)
Alice Collins (P3)	Michael Mageean (P4)	Scarlett Trainor (P4)
Lochlan Shields (P3)	Cormac Fitzsimmons (P5)	Leo Trainor (P1)
Isabella Breen (P1)	Cormac Dynes (N)	Oisín McMullan (N)



Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 1st
Thursday 2nd
Wednesday 8th

- School Nurse in P1

Monday 6th
Tuesday 7th

- School closed for all pupils

Monday 13th
Tuesday 14th
Wednesday 15th

- P7 trip to YMCA Newcastle

Wednesday 15th

- P5 Meet the Lifeguards Visit

Thursday 16th

- P7 STEM Shared Education trip
to Portavogie Primary School

Monday 13th –
Thursday 23rd

- P4–7 PTE/ PTM Assessment

Saturday 18th

- P4 First Holy Communion
(Require P5/6/7 pupils for choir)

Tuesday 21st

- P7 Retreat in Community Centre

Friday 24th
Monday 27th
Tuesday 28th

- School closed for all pupils

Saturday 25th

- Tesco Bag Pack
(We require many volunteers to assist)

Thursday 30th

- Ards Hurling and Camogie Blitz
- Boys Soccer Peninsula Primary League
in Cloughy

Important Dates for June

Friday 7th June

- Whole School Sports Day

Wednesday 19th June

- Primary 7 Leavers Mass at 7.30pm

Celebrating Positive Behaviour

STARS OF THE WEEK!

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Primary 1	Hailey Magee	Lucas Byers	Riley Smyth
Primary 2	Rachel Hepburn	Ronan Magee	Feidhelm Trainor
Primary 3	Cora McCallum	Danielle McCluskey	Niamh Magee
Primary 4	Eva Smyth	Ben McClean	Francis Keating
Primary 5	James McCluskey	Lucy Roddy	Lucie Magee
Primary 6	Bobby Moreland	Adam McEvoy	John-Gerard Mason
Primary 7	Lara McGrattan	Daniel Guinan-Kelly	Sophia Costello

Well Done to you all!

The focus for May is being a good friend to others.

Safeguarding/ Child Protection

If you have any worries or concerns about the welfare of your child or any other child in St Mary's you should speak Mr Gilchrist.

Mr Gilchrist is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

Parent Support Group News

Following our Marathon the next big event is our Tesco Bag Pack on Saturday 25th May. We need as many volunteers as possible as it is a brilliant opportunity to raise money.

School Web Site

www.stmaryspsportaferry.com

If you haven't done so already be sure to download the new school app from our new website

Follow us on Facebook!
Saint Mary's Primary Portaferry
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School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Matters!

It is essential that your child attends school regularly and maintains a pattern of good attendance.

Excellent attendance at school is essential to allow your child to fulfil their potential.

Currently our school attendance is 94.5%. This is below our target of 96%. We understand there may be extenuating circumstances for this but it is vital you give a written reason for your child's absence from school.

Internet Safety

We remind all parents with internet at home to ensure that the appropriate control settings are in place to allow appropriate access. Past experience has shown us that failure to do so can result in difficult situations which have even resulted in police involvement.



Our School Rules

Inside

We greet all adults politely.

We say please and thank-you.

We always walk quietly on the line .

We respect our school, our displays and each other's belongings.

We treat everyone the way we would like to be treated.



Outside

We play safely, fairly and have fun.

We put litter in the bins.

We always respect each other and members of staff in the playground.

When the bell rings we line up promptly.

We always tell an adult if we feel frightened or lonely.

Should you have any issues, queries or concerns relating to your child's performance or participation at school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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