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Parent Information: Monday 9th September 2019

Mon 9 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent & Toddler Group begins again 9.15-11am • Y1 photo for press • Eco Council Application Forms Closing Date • Milk available from today (must have been pre-booked and paid via Parent Pay) • Y6 swimming. £2.50 (Parent Pay), gear, hat (for girls) & goggles. £1 for locker • Y7 afterschools Literacy & Numeracy Club continues 3-4pm • McNicholl School Irish dancing in assembly hall 6pm
Tues 10 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly: Awards & Announcement of Eco Council • BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER – see menu for meal details
Wed 11 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violin lessons & ear tests for Y4 – remember to return consent form • PE for all Y1-3 pupils with class teachers. See overleaf for more info.
Thur 12 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afterschools online registration via ParentPay from 8am (menu circulated Tuesday) • Y3 Fresh Little Minds workshops begin (6 weeks). Please return consent forms.
Fri 13 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly & awards • Flute & Clarinet lessons & ear tests for Y4 – remember to return consent form
Mon 16 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing Collection Ends – please bring bin bags in to hall by 9.30am • Y6 swimming as usual – continues every Monday in Term 1 • Y5 & 7 PE begins (Gaelic Football – may be outside. See note re PE overleaf)

Dates for your diary

Fri 27 th Sept	School closes at 1pm for all pupils (Staff training). Last shorter day for Y1.
Mon 30 th Sept	Y1 stay until 2pm
Fri 4 th October	Walking bus & First Friday/Back to school mass 9.45am
Mon 7 th Oct	Parent/Teacher Interviews all week. School closes 1pm Monday – Friday.

Looking back...

- **Thanks** to all parents for their help with **ParentPay** – see overleaf for important updates
- **Thanks** for all the help received at home last Thursday when completing the **whole school homework**: *What would I like to thank God for?* There are definitely lots of reasons why we should be grateful!
- Well done to all our walkers who joined the **First Friday Walking Bus**. The weather was kind and the numbers were great. Looking forward to seeing you at the next one on Fri 4th October.

The week ahead...

- **Consent forms etc:** Please return these and the pupils information sheets directly to the class teacher asap so we can make the necessary start of year checks.
- **Music lessons** continue this week. A renewal letter will be issued this week to existing pupils. A letter giving consent for an ear test has been sent out today to all Y4 pupils. A limited number of places for violin, flute and clarinet tuition are available. This is an excellent opportunity. If you have any queries or wish your Y5 or 6 child to be tested, please speak directly to me before Thursday.
- **Recycling Collection:** Only 1 week to go! See overleaf for more info. Remember to tie your bin bags.
- **Afterschool Clubs are back!** From Monday 16th Sept we begin our latest round of clubs. These will run for 6 weeks in Terms 1 & 2 and we hope there will be something for everyone! This is only possible through the commitment and willingness of staff. Finalised options will be sent out tomorrow.
- Free to join the **church choir** at 9am mass? They really need some more singers – young and old(er)!

Many thanks for your support.

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HEAD FOR HEADLICE REGULARLY – ALREADY WE HAVE THESE UNWELCOME VISITORS RETURNING AFTER THE HOLIDAYS!!

School Payments Update

- **A huge thanks to all parents/carers** who have helped us introduce the Parent Pay system and make our office cashless. Over 90% of all families have now registered. Thank you very much for your patience as we worked with ParentPay to iron out any glitches. *Contact the office immediately if you are having issues and we will try to help you with the process.*
- Remember meals must be booked and paid before **9.30am**.
- Pupils on our **Free School Meals register** will be pre-booked by the office weekly. Remember that until the school and parent have official notification, parents/carers must meet the cost of the meals.
- All **2-3 club and homework club** places must also be pre-booked before 12 noon. For safeguarding & child protection reasons, if your child is not booked in, we will assume that other collection arrangements are in place and will contact the parent/carer to arrange collection.
- **A message from the canteen:** From today, only children who have prepaid will receive a **canteen break**. *This order will continue each month unless the canteen is notified directly by the parent/carer. Otherwise, families will continue to be billed.* The cost is £5.50 per month or £50 for the year.

Morning Drop off: Thanks to all the parents who are making sure their children are in school ready to start at 9am. Well done to all the Y3-7 pupils whose parents have been leaving them at the front door. This is important to help promote independence. Keep it up!

Collection: Arrangements are working well with our new path. *Parking:* Parents/carers can park in the chapel car park by using the spaces to the right as they drive in the gates. In the interest of the safety of all school users, it is vital that the area at the bottom of the path is kept completely clear of vehicles. New lines have been painted on the ground to reflect this. As the car park is very dangerous, Y6 & 7 pupils are not permitted to collect and escort younger siblings through the car park. I appreciate your understanding that arrangements are in place in the interests of the safety of all our pupils.



Recycling Collection: 1 week to go! Get filling those bags!

We will accept all types of clothes, curtains, bedding, handbags, belts, shoes (paired)
Please leave all bin bags (secured) at the back of the hall before 9am, Mon 16th September

PE Arrangements: Term 1

Class(es)	Day	Activity	Uniform
Y1	Wednesday (am)	PE in hall	Do not change for PE
Y2	Wednesday (am)	PE in hall	Wear PE gear in to school; change back in to uniform after PE lesson. Parents make sure uniform is sent into school in a labelled bag and items labelled also.
Y3	Wednesday (am)	PE in hall	Bring PE gear in to school in a labelled bag and items labelled also. Change after PE before going home.
Y4	Thursday (pm)	PE in school	Change in school. T-shirt & track bottoms (outside sessions). Pupils change after PE before going home.
Y5 & 7	Monday (pm)	PE in school	
Y6	Monday (pm)	Swimming	Bring gear, goggles, and bag. £2.50 pw payable online & £1 (returnable) for lockers

Children Y4-7 are expected to wear the new PE uniform, with track bottoms if outside. Y1 do not need a PE uniform. Y2 & 3 may purchase if they wish. Top & shorts: £13.50, navy socks £4. Available from Sportique.

Transfer Test Information for parents of Y7 pupils

Thur 12 th Sept	St Mary's GS familiarisation and registration evening @ 7pm
Fri 20 th Sept @ 2pm	Registration for GL assessment closes at 2pm. <i>Do you think your child is eligible to apply for access arrangements? This is the responsibility of the parent and more information is available at pptcni.com</i>
Sat 16 th November	Assessment
Sat 7 th December	Supplementary assessment
Sat 25 th January	Results