

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2017



DATES TO REMEMBER JUNE 2017	
Thursday 25 May	No Pupil of the Month Assembly Y4 School Trip to W5, Belfast
Monday 29 May	May Holiday School Closed
Tuesday 30 May	Y3 School Trip to Transport Museum, Cultra Y7 School Trip to Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh
Wednesday 31 May	Y5 School Trip to the Giant's Causeway Y6 School Trip to the Jet Centre, Coleraine School Uniform Order Date
Thursday 1 June	Y1 -2 School Trip to Portstewart Y7 Cross-Community Programme Day I
Friday 2 June	Y7 Retreat Y7 Pioneer Mass @ 7.30 p.m. in the Church
Tuesday 6 June	Y7 Inside Out Programme in Cushendall
Thursday 8 June	Sports Day at the Club
Friday 9 June	Playgroup Visit to Y1 Classroom
Monday 12 June	Y7 Cross-Community Programme Day II Y6 STEM Day in St. Louis GS
Tuesday 13 June	Y6 CSI Day in St. Killian's College
Monday 19 June	Final Swim for Y7
Tuesday 20 June	Y7 Cross-Community Programme Day III
Wednesday 21 June	Parents' Reports Issued
Thursday 22 June	Fundraising Day
Friday 23 June	School Closed @ 12.30 p.m. for all pupils Leavers' Mass @ 1.30 p.m. (Church then Parish Hall)
Monday 26 June	Pupil of the Month Assembly
Friday 30 June	Final Day of School Year: School Closed @ noon, Non-Uniform Day, No School Bus, No Lunches

SPORTS DAY

School Sports Day is planned for **Thursday 8 June** at the GAA pitch, weather permitting. Check the website for details on the navy bar across our home page.



Sports Day is an exciting day for the school and for the children, who really enjoy the support of their parents. Children should have sunscreen, a hat and water if the weather is particularly good.

If your child needs an inhaler please make sure they have it with them on the day.

This is a non-uniform day.

SAFEGUARDING

Reminder to parents that photographic/video images of children other than their own child must not be uploaded to social media sites. This means parents must not upload a photograph of their own child if it has other children in it, including in the background of the picture.

NOTE from PRINCIPAL

Our first year of Mary Queen of Peace Primary School is almost at an end.

There have been many successes and I am very proud of the children and the way in which they have settled into their new school and in some cases, into a new building.

Friendships have been maintained and new friendships have been formed. Our first ever Primary 1 class are well settled and it is good for this community to see all of the children move together, from the playgroup to a single parish school.

There continues to be challenges and in particular we desperately need a new school building. The children in this community deserved to be taught in a modern, attractive building which will allow us to develop our vision for the children's play and learning.

This has been a good school year which has been made possible by the commitment of staff, parents, governors, PTA and the parish. I would like to thank you all for your support during the year.

Malachy Conlon
Principal

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to our first ever Communion class in MQP. Thank-you to everyone at home and in school who helped prepare the children for their special day. We are very proud of our First Holy Communion boys and girls.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniforms should be ordered directly from the school secretary. Orders received before **Wednesday 31 May 2017** will be available for collection in June.

The school will carry a small numbers of uniform items throughout the year.

The uniform evening was a busy one and a great success. Thank-you for your continued support for the school.



TRAINERS

Now that summertime is approaching the children will have more opportunities to learn outdoors as well as practise for Sports Day. Children may wear trainers to school instead of shoes from **Thursday 25 May**.

We appreciate the support of parents in ensuring children have had black shoes until now.

Please remember to label your child's clothes.



TRANSPORT

The Education Authority (EA) has moved its application process for assistance with transport on-line.

On-line applications at: www.eani.org.uk/transportapp

FREE SCHOOL MEALS & UNIFORM

EA has issued forms directly to parents; they will issue a few blank forms to the school and online applications can be made at: <http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/fsm/>

BOOK AMNESTY

We would urge all our pupils and parents to search at home for library books, reading books, text books or any other type of book which belongs to the school.

Please return books to class teachers. Accelerated Reader and library books are very important for the children's education.

Your support is much appreciated.



PARENTS' REPORTS

Parents' reports will be issued on **Wednesday June 21**.

FUNDRAISER

You will know from the press just how difficult finances are in schools at present. Each year we will have a school fundraiser for school funds. This year it will be a **Fitness Day** and proceeds from this year's fundraiser will be spent on playground equipment for Martinstown and Cargan schools.



The children themselves have identified, through the School Council, the need to have more playground equipment.

Our **Fitness Day** will take place on **Thursday 22 June 2017** and more details will follow.

SCHOOL TEAM SUCCESS

We have enjoyed tremendous sporting and quiz successes this year. Our teams have won competitions at local level which led to them representing their school and this area at: county, regional, provincial and All-Ireland finals.



We are very proud of our pupils and very appreciative of the commitment of our staff (past & present) and parents who have done so much to support our school teams.

LINKS to OTHER SCHOOLS

Y7 are participating in a cross-community project with Seaview PS, Carnlough Controlled Integrated PS and Carnalbanagh PS. This is the final year of the Shared Education programme, which was started by St. Mary's PS Cargan. The project will see the children working together on the transition to post-primary schools.

Y6 will also be involved in a cross-community CSI Science project organised by St. Killian's College; as well as a STEM taster day arranged by St. Louis' GS.

GLENRAVEL SUMMER SCHEME: 17 – 28 July.

CÚL CAMP: 7 -11 August. Check the website for details.