

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PUPILS

Your child has received the name of their teacher and where their class will be based for the 2016-17 school year.

Our focus is now on helping the children, from both schools, to get to know each other and also work and play together. The staff have organised two activity days for the children to help them come together in their new classes:

- **Thursday 16 June 2016 Y4-7**
Children should be left at the club at 9 a.m. and collected from the club at 3 p.m.
- **Monday 20 June 2016 Y1-3**
Children should be left at the club at 9 a.m. and collected from the club at 2 p.m.

Bus pupils should come to school as usual and will be transported to and from the pitch by minibus.

Both days will take place at the GAA pitch and in the event of the weather being unkind we will switch to the Parish Centre.



On the days, the children will be sorted into teams and they will take part in team building games and activities. The focus will very much be on fun and working together.

Dominic McKinley (Co. Antrim coach) will organise a hurling/camogie blitz, while the teaching staff will lead team building games and workout sessions.

This is a fun day for the children.



There will be a BBQ (bring a small lunch if your child doesn't want a BBQ), slush puppies & ice-pops (no charge). Please advise teachers of dietary/medical information.



This is a non-uniform day and pupils should come dressed for activities. We would recommend the children have sun cream applied before they come to school and they should also bring water and a hat.

Further team building sessions with:



have been organised for September 2016.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

I met with the School Council (chosen by the pupils themselves) to discuss their hopes and concerns about the amalgamation of the schools. The School Council also told me about their ideas for the future at Mary Queen of Peace PS.

- After school clubs both sporting (GAA, soccer, other sports) and creative (cooking, dance);
- New school building with an assembly hall for plays and PE;
- Computer suite;
- Stronger school teams – sports, quizzes;
- Bigger group of friends to play with;
- Days for the children from both schools to work/play together;
- New books, inter-active whiteboards.

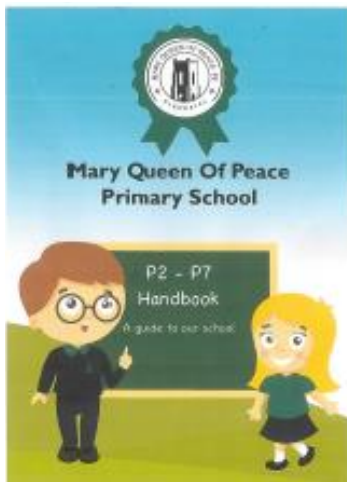
We will listen to our pupils' views as we build our new school. The School Council will play an important part in this process and I will keep you informed of work in this area.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Team-Kit will have uniform on sale from 1 July 2016.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

A booklet with information about our new school will be sent to each family later in the month.



It contains information about:

- The school day / start & finishing times / school holidays
- The primary curriculum
- School uniform
- School staff
- Lunches / breaktimes
- Medical
- Pastoral Care
- Leaving / collecting children from school
- Help from home

We hope you find the booklet helpful when preparing for the new school year.

TRANSPORT

Transport forms are available from the office and the secretaries are able to advise and assist you with completing the forms.

Please return completed forms to the schools.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

A PTA will be established for Mary Queen of Peace PS, at the start of the new school year. We very much welcome your participation.

PREPARATION for the NEW SCHOOL YEAR

In order to get ready for the new school year both Glenravel PS and St. Mary's PS will finish their school year at:

11 a.m. on Monday 27 June 2016.

Staff will work on the 28, 29 and 30 June to prepare the buildings for the new school year. This will involve the movement of equipment between both sites (tables, chairs, books, equipment etc..).

Parental support would be very much appreciated and if you are able to volunteer you will be made feel very welcome. We would particularly welcome support from parents who have a trailer/van and are able to help with the movement of equipment on Wednesday 29 June. Please leave your names with the secretaries, letting them know which dates and times you are available on. We will then contact you. There is much to do and your support would be greatly appreciated!



PRIMARY 1

Our new P1s visited their classroom on **Friday 10 June 2016**. An Induction Meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 15 June 2016 @ 9.30 a.m.** in the Cargan site.

COMMUNICATION

A new school website is under construction and we hope it will help keep you informed about events, news and key dates:

www.mqpglenravel.com