

# MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2020



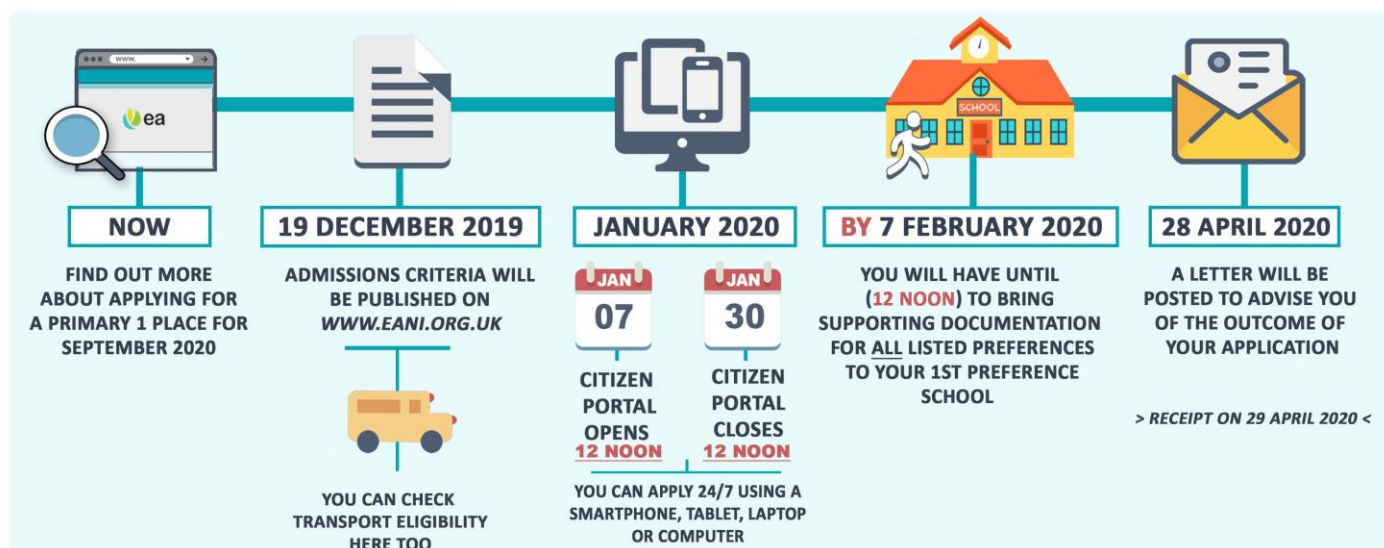
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DATES TO REMEMBER		JANUARY 2020
Wednesday 8 January	Y4 Shared Education with Camphill PS in MQP GAA After School Club (Boys)	
Thursday 9 January	Indoor Hurling Competition (Antrim Forum) @ 11 a.m. GAA After School Club (Girls)	
Saturday 11 January	Tree Planting in Drum Wood 10 – 11.30 a.m.	
Monday 13 January	Choir Club resumes	
Tuesday 14 January	Y5 Fire Talk	
Wednesday 15 January	GAA After School Club (Girls) Wednesdays until Half Term PTA Meeting @ 7 p.m. in Martinstown	
Thursday 16 January	Indoor Camogie Competition (Antrim Forum) @ 11 a.m. GAA After School Club (Boys) Thursdays until Half Term	
Friday 17 January	Y4 Shared Education in Camphill PS	
Tuesday 21 January	Hurling Coaching (during school day) Y3 & 4 begins	
Wednesday 22 January	NI Primary Schools' Cross Country Finals (Mallusk) Book Fair Arrives	
Friday 24 January	Y4 Shared Education in Camphill PS	
Sunday 26 January	Catholic Schools' Week begins	
Monday 27 January	Jo-Jingles Music Therapy Y1 & 2 begins	
Wednesday 29 January	Book Fair: Final Day	
Thursday 30 January	Pupil of the Month Assembly Y1 Admissions Close	
Friday 31 January	Grandparents' Day: Mass @ 9 a.m. in the church, followed by an assembly (Y5 Mrs Gormley), art work & refreshments in the Parish Centre	
Monday 3 February	Credit Union Quiz @ 9.30 a.m. in Ballymena North	



### KEY DATES FOR PARENTS : Admissions Process for Primary One Places 2020

CHILDREN BORN ON OR BETWEEN 2 JULY 2015 AND 1 JULY 2016 WILL HAVE REACHED COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE IN SEPTEMBER 2020  
CHILDREN BORN ON OR BETWEEN 2 JULY 2016 AND 1 JULY 2017 CAN APPLY FOR A PLACE IN A RECEPTION CLASS.



## STAFF

### VICE-PRINCIPAL

We welcome Mrs McNicholl to our school, as she takes up the post of Vice-Principal, and extend our best wishes to Mrs McNicholl and her new class (Y2).



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

Catholic Schools' Week 2020 will be celebrated from Sunday 26 January to Sunday 2 February 2020 on the theme 'Living in Harmony with God's Creation.'



An important part of the celebration of Catholic Schools' Week is the contribution grandparents make to the lives of their grandchildren. This is an important day in the school calendar. We will have mass on **Friday 31 January 2020 @ 9 a.m.** After the mass grandparents, special family members and friends are invited back to the Parish Hall. Every year we like to do something different for Grandparents' Day, so this year our art will be based on the theme of the nurturing role of grandparents in God's creation. Primary 5 (Mrs Gormley) will also present a special Grandparents' Assembly, after we have all had a cup of tea.

### ON-LINE SAFETY

This month we have uploaded to the On-line Safety section on the school's website (on the home screen's green bar), some information about WhatsApp.



Please take the time to read this guidance, which may well be relevant to parents and their children following gifts at Christmas time.

### SACRAMENTS

Penance: Tuesday 10 March 2020 @ 6.30 p.m.

Confirmation: Thursday 2 April 2020 @ 10.30 a.m.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 2 May 2020 @ 11 a.m.

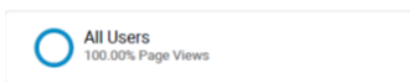
### WEBSITE

Our website continues to be very popular with the school community.

During the month of December we had **10,907** visits to the site.

From this term, the canteen menu will be published on-line only.

Thank-you for the fantastic support for the school.



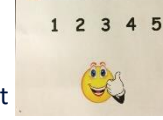
## CURRICULUM

### MATHS in the FOUNDATION STAGE (Ys 1 & 2)

This year we have been developing the children's mathematics programme through Numicon in the Foundation Stage (FS).



Numicon is a system of flat plastic shapes with holes in, with each shape representing a number from 1 to 10. Each number has its own colour. The aim of Numicon is to make numbers real by allowing the children to see and touch them. It provides a concrete object to represent each number. It also has a multi-sensory approach that's known to help learning. Numicon is also fun.



Please visit the website for more information.



The teachers in the Foundation Stage would appreciate the donation of any wellies which are no longer needed at home. Small sizes for Y1 & 2 children, please.



### SCHOOL SPORT & QUIZZES

The new term begins with two of our cross-country runners taking part in the NI Primary Schools' Finals in Mallusk. Good luck.



We also have the indoor hurling and camogie competitions. Again, good luck to Mr McKenna and the boys' & girls' teams.



Finally, best wishes to our Credit Union Quiz Teams who are defending the trophies they won in 2019. Good luck from everyone in MQP.



### TREE PLANTING

Saturday 11 January 2020 from 10 – 11.30 a.m. in Drum Wood (check website for details).



1 Dec 2019 - 31 Dec 2019