

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

October 2019



DATES TO REMEMBER		OCTOBER 2019
Tuesday 1 October	School Photographer – Cargan a.m., Martinstown p.m.	
Wednesday 2 October	School Photographer – Martinstown New School Build Public Information Evening in the Parish Hall 7 – 9 p.m.	
Friday 4 October	Cross-Country Club	
Wednesday 9 October	Cross-Country Race I @ Ulster University (Coleraine)	
Friday 11 October	Flu Immunisation	
Friday 18 October	School Council Elections	
Thursday 17 – Thursday 24 October (inclusive)	School Closed @ 2 p.m. each day for Parent / Teacher Meetings	
Wednesday 23 October	Milk Money Due Road of Hope Shoe Box Appeal PTA AGM @ 7 p.m. in Martinstown	
Friday 25 October	School Closed @ 2 p.m. Mrs McConway's Leaving Assembly	
Monday 28 October	Final Swim Y5 Mrs Sharkey	
Wednesday 30 October	Hallowe'en Fancy Dress PTA: Hallowe'en Family Fun Trail in Parish Hall 6.30 – 8 p.m.	
Thursday 31 October – Monday 4 November	Hallowe'en Mid-Term School Closed	
Tuesday 5 November	School Re-opens	

Fr. LYONS' LEAVING ASSEMBLY

Fr Lyons returned to the school for a special assembly, to give the children and staff in Mary Queen of Peace PS the opportunity to say good bye to our friend.

The pupils performed poems, songs and hymns for Fr. Lyons as well as producing special pieces of art work (check out A Living Legend on www.mqpglenravel.com). The art work was very much based around Fr. Lyons' love for Glenravel and cycling.

We finished the assembly with the presentation of gifts which included a voucher for cycling equipment and a bespoke cycling jersey proudly bearing the names and colours of Glenravel as well as the old church bell tower.



Fr Lyons thanked the children for their wonderful assembly and generous gifts. He spoke about his love for the parish and the kindness of all of the people in Glenravel. He had real friends here in Glenravel. They were honest and generous and he would continue to pray for them. Our very best wishes to our dear friend Fr Lyons. We are very grateful for the eleven fantastic years we had of your service to St. Mary's PS, Glenravel PS and finally to Mary Queen of Peace PS.

MRS FIONA McCONWAY (VICE-PRINCIPAL)

Mrs McConway has been appointed principal of Moneynick PS.

We congratulate Mrs McConway on her appointment and thank her for all of her wonderful work in Mary Queen of Peace PS.

Mrs McConway will be leaving the school on **Friday 18**

October and we will invite her back to the school on **Friday 25 October** for a special leaving assembly.

The school will close @ 2 p.m. for all pupils on this day.



SCHOOL BUILDING

The second of two public consultation meetings on the new school build will take place on **Wednesday 2 October** from 7 – 9 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

Parent/Teacher meetings for Y3-7 classes will run from **Thursday 17 to Thursday 24 October (inclusive) @ 2 p.m.**

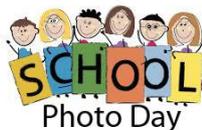
School will close at 2 p.m. every day for all classes. Your child's teacher will inform you of the date and time of your appointment.

If you have more than one child at the school every effort will be made to arrange appointments on the same day.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 1** (Cargan site in the morning), **Wednesday 2 October**.

Individual photographs will be taken for school records. Families who have requested a family group photo have been allocated a 10-minute slot and we would ask that you keep to this time. Family photographs will be taken on the Martinstown site, unless otherwise arranged.



SCHOOL MEALS & UNIFORM

Free School Meals and Uniform Grant

DID YOU KNOW?

If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child may be eligible for free school meals and assistance towards a school uniform.



ELIGIBILITY

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): you can apply if your child is in full-time education and you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit.

Student(s): you can apply if the course you are studying is a full-time course and you are receiving a qualifying benefit in your own name.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms and instructions are available at:

- www.eani.org.uk/financial-help
- Jobs and Benefits Offices
- Your child's school or college
- Community Advice Centres
- EA Offices

CONTACT US

You can call your local Education Authority office:

- EA Belfast Office 028 9056 4000
- EA Ballymena Office 028 2566 1355
- EA Dundonald Office 028 9056 6200
- EA Armagh Office 028 3751 2523
- EA Omagh Office 028 8241 1496

more information is available at:

www.eani.org.uk/financial-help

Eligibility to Free Schools Meals and the Uniform Grant is subject to Dept of Education Criteria and Education Authority approval

LEAVERS

We hope our Y7 leavers from 2018-19 have settled well into their new schools.

Thank-you for your contribution to

Mary Queen of Peace PS and good luck in your new schools.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

CHOIR CLUB

Please note that there will be no after school Choir Club on **Monday 14** and **21 October**.

RUGBY CLUB

The final session of the Rugby Club is on **Wednesday 16 October**.



School teams begin this month with the first competition of the year being Round 1 of the Cross-Country League on **Wednesday 9 October** @ Ulster University (Coleraine).



Boys' and girls' football will also begin this month, with two indoor tournaments coming up in November.



SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday 10 March 2020 @ 6.30 p.m.

First Holy Communion

Saturday 2 May 2020 @ 10 a.m.



PTA

The PTA does terrific work in supporting the school. The catering for big school occasions and fundraising, in a time of deep education cuts, are very much appreciated and in truth, very much needed.

In order to continue this work, it is important to have new parents joining the association. This is necessary because parents naturally leave the PTA when their child has finished primary school and also because new members bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

We need parents who can:

- Assist in practical ways e.g. helping at PTA events;
- Work in a committee and help organise events and apply for grants.

PTA AGM:

Wednesday 23 October @ 7 p.m. (Martinstown)



PTA Hallowe'en Family Fun Trail in Parish Hall: **Wednesday 30 October 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.**

We will finish the half term with a family evening, more details to follow.

In the meantime you might want to plan for a pumpkin decorating competition!