



BULLETIN NOVEMBER 23

SCHOOL CLOSINGS:

The school will close for Christmas at 12.00 noon on **Thursday 21st December**. School Re-opens to pupils on **Friday 5th January**.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Week beginning 13 th November – Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 15 th November - P5 & School Council representatives - David Walliams event at Crom Castle
Saturday 18 th November last day to order Christmas Cards etc from online shop.
Week beginning 27 th November - most Parent / Teacher Consultations to take place.
Wednesday 29 th November– School Photographer
Friday 1 st December - Santa Run NI (Children wear a Santa hat and do the Daily Mile)
Thursday 7 th December- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner - School Council asks that each family donate 1 item suitable for SVP Christmas Hamper
Wednesday 13 th December P4-7 Pantomime Trip to Grand Opera House
Thursday 14 th December - After School Club Finishes for Christmas
Monday 18 th December ‘Prepare-Prepare’ Christmas Mass 7pm Church of the Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 27 th February First Confessions 7pm (P4)
Saturday 4 th May 11am Confirmation (P7)
Saturday 18 th May First Holy Communion (P4)

PUPIL COLLECTION PROTOCOL

Please give notice through Seesaw at least the day before, if planning to collect children at times other than at normal home times. If giving short notice (same day), please contact Sarah directly in the school office. When leaving school early, children must be collected by an identified adult who will sign the collection book located in the office. If someone different is collecting your child at normal home time, please also inform the school in advance to avoid confusion. It is important that these procedures are followed for safeguarding purposes. We have been notified of an incident where an unknown adult attempted, without success, to collect a child from a school in Northern Ireland.

P1 ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 24

Applications for P1 will open through <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> on Tuesday 9th January. Demand for places in St Mary’s is high and it is likely that we will be over-subscribed again this year, so apply early to avoid disappointment. Our updated Admissions Policy, including criteria and our prospectus will be published on the school website in the near future.

SCHOOL WEBSITE APP:

Remember you can stay up to date with the latest news, sign-posting for support, policies and calendar of events through www.stmarysps.com. We urge you to download our school app, so you can receive reminders and notifications. Just press the download button on our website home page.

We always aim to work closely with parents and again ask you to feel free to contact the class teacher or me about any queries or concerns you may have.

Mrs. P Kelly
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