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A thuismitheoirí, a chaomhnóirí, a chairde,

A warm welcome back to everyone. We hope that your child is settling back into a routine after the summer holidays and we look forward to working with you during the coming year. We extend a special welcome to all our new students, in particular to the new first class and their families and our new enrolments in Cherry Blossom ASD Preschool. We hope they enjoy their time with us here. We welcome Mr Dara Ryan our first and second class teacher and wish him well in St Mary's. Congratulations to Ms. Flynn on the birth of her baby boy Jack. We are looking forward to resuming all our usual school activities over the coming weeks and will be in contact with more information in due course. Tús maith leath na hoibre!

Retirement – Pat Ryan

We recently bid a farewell and wished a Happy Retirement to our much loved secretary Pat. For over 30 years, she gave great service to the school and to the wider community. She will be missed but also fondly remembered by pupils, staff and parents alike. We thank her for her years of service and wish her every blessing in this new chapter of her life. We welcome our new secretary Adele and wish her happiness and fulfilment in her new role.



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Aladdin App

Our school is using the Aladdin Connect App. This year we should see the full benefits of the app. For the moment it is important that everyone has downloaded the app and please ensure notifications on your phone are turned on. Important information such as the newsletter and other correspondence will gradually move to the app and away from text and email.

Cleaning

Special mention to Lucy and Wiktor for all their hard work during the summer months to clean and tidy the school. The school looked so well when everyone returned in September.

School Accounts

Aladdin e-Payments is a brilliant feature of the app which is now available to the school. While it is still possible to pay using cash in the office, Aladdin e-Payments on the app is much more convenient. Reminder emails will be circulated over time. Please note the following payments are due: Insurance is €9, Swimming is €20. The fee for Art and Craft/photocopying for this school year is €50 per child/per family. Parents who wish to pay in instalments should be able to do so on the Aladdin App.

School Times

Class starts officially each day at 9.00am. All children should be in school and ready to begin work by that time. Please be aware that school insurance only covers children on the premises from 8:50a.m, the time which the gates open. If your child arrives at school after 9:00am, please enter via the front door beside the office and sign in at the office. School finishes each day at 2.40 except for first class on Friday who finish at 12.45

Football & Hurling Training

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We are delighted to have Andy Griffin attending each Friday to do hurling training with most of our classes. It would be great if each boy had their own hurley and helmet. We have limited supplies in school at a cost of €15 for a hurley and €50 for a helmet. These can be ordered on Aladdin.

On Mon. and Wed. from 2.40pm to 3.30pm after school football training takes place. Please check your notices on these days in case training needs to be cancelled.

Start of Year Mass

The boys from the school attended Mass on Thursday 19th September to celebrate the start of the new school year.

Olympic Hero – Daire Lynch

We were honoured on 6th September to have a visit from Olympic bronze medalist and past pupil Daire Lynch. Daire spoke to the boys about his Olympic success, signed autographs, showed us his Olympic medal and very kindly raised our Green Flag. Daire is an amazing role model for our pupils and we congratulate him and wish him the very best for his future in rowing.



Jersey Day raising funds for GOAL

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On Friday 27th Sept we held our annual Jersey Day in school and raised €335 for GOAL. All the money collected will help GOAL to respond to humanitarian crises and will help rebuild lives in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

Thank you for your support

Green Flag

Past pupil and Olympic hero Daire Lynch raised our flag for biodiversity during his recent visit. Ms. Stewart and the Green Schools Committee have started work on their next flag (Global Citizenship – Litter and Waste). Keep up the good work everybody!



Christmas Cards

The boys are busy designing Christmas cards which will be available to order in the coming weeks. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Flyers with all the relevant details about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal have been distributed. Shoeboxes can be dropped into the school any time before 10th November. Thank you for your support

Pupil Personal Accident Insurance Application Form 2024/2025

Allianz Personal Pupil Accident Insurance is being promoted in St. Mary's CBS this year. All are encouraged to sign up. Anyone who wishes to join the policy should pay the €9 on the school e-Payments link. Pupils may also pay the €9 in cash to the office. Full details on the scheme is available from the school office. Please note the closing date is Oct 11th 2024.

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Absences

If your child is absent from school please let us know via Aladdin Connect. It is extremely important to keep the school informed of reasons for absence

School Savings scheme

The school savings scheme, in association with our local Post Office, will run again this year. The minimum amount which can be lodged each week is €1. Withdrawals can be made three times a year – just before Christmas, Easter and Summer. Pupils are issued with a savings book and lodgements are taken on Mondays only. This scheme is totally optional.

Éide Scoile/School Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn at all times except on the day when a child has Physical Education for which PE uniform is worn. These days may change throughout the year.

Please, please, please ensure that your child's belongings, especially jumpers and coats, are clearly marked with your child's name. If your child inadvertently brings home the wrong jumper, please return it to school.

If anyone has old uniforms they wish to donate to the school, we would be most grateful.

Healthy Lunches & Hot Meals

Our school is now happy to provide a hot lunch for each child. If you are not interested in availing of this service, please contact the school. If you are having difficulty accessing the Hot Lunches App, please let us know. Children will need to continue to bring a snack for break time We recommend something healthy such as fruit or a sandwich. As part of our Healthy Eating Policy we encourage pupils to develop

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healthy eating habits for life. The children are not allowed to bring the following to school: chewing gum, fizzy drinks in bottles/cans, any drinks in glass bottles, any type of crisps, cereal bars/chocolate/sugary snacks. They may bring a small treat on Fridays. Peanut butter, nuts and nut products including Nutella are prohibited due to nut allergies that some of our pupils in the school may have.

We have drinking water available in all of the classrooms. Please use a reusable water bottle. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Administration of medication

If your child needs administration of essential medication during the school day e.g. epipen, insulin, inhalers etc please inform the school. The principal will ask you to complete the relevant appendix on the Administration of Medicine Policy and return it to the school.

Parent Teacher meetings

Our Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on the week commencing October 21st. Details on how to book meetings through the Aladdin Connect App will be available nearer the time.

Secondary School Open Nights – Over the coming weeks parents of 6th class boys should be thinking about the options available for secondary school. The deadline for local schools is 22/10/2024 at 1pm.

Jewellery - Due to health and safety reasons, children may not wear rings or earrings. Children who wear them will be asked to remove them and parents can collect them from their class teacher at the end of the day.

Code of Behaviour – The school policy on behaviour places a big onus on the children to take responsibility for their own actions. We have asked the boys that “If somebody does something to upset, anger or hurt you, then you must make this known to a member of staff.”

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We would ask all parents to remind their children to do this also. Any boys who are disrespectful or deliberately ignore instructions of staff members will be sent to detention. We expect the full support of all parents in the school's efforts to create a happy and safe learning environment for all. We have been focusing in a particular way on boys remaining quiet in their lines and in the corridors. It is having a huge impact, in that boys are now entering school much calmer and ready for their classwork. It is also allowing them time to reflect. Recent scientific research suggests that even short periods of quiet time can lead to increased sleep, happiness, and self-confidence, as well as improved academic performance.

Busy Bees After School and Breakfast Club

We are delighted to continue to have Busy Bees in St Mary's.

They offer an Afterschool Service each day until 6.15pm. All information available from our school website.

PE Timetable

1st Class – Ms. Peters – Wednesday, Friday

1st/2nd Class – Mr. Ryan – Tuesday, Thursday

2nd Class – Ms. Powell – Tuesday, Friday

3rd Class – Ms. Healy – Tuesday, Friday

3rd Class – Ms. Killeen – Tuesday, Friday

4th Class – Mr. Leahy - Monday, Wednesday

4th Class – Ms. Stewart – Monday, Friday

5th Class – Ms. Traas – Monday, Friday

6th Class – Mr. Morris – Monday, Thursday

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Swimming

Each class will attend a swimming block in Clonmel Swimming Pool. The cost of the swimming lessons, €20, can be paid through Aladdin e-Payments. There will be three different groups

Swimming Group 1 starting Wed 4th Sept at 10.50 – 6th (Mr. Morris), 4th (Ms. Stewart), 2nd (Ms. Powell)

Swimming Group 2 starting Wed 23rd Oct at 10.50 – 5th (Ms. Traas), 3rd (Ms. Healy), 1st/2nd (Mr Ryan)

Swimming Group 3 starting Mon 4th Nov at 11.45 – 4th (Mr. Leahy), 3rd (Ms. Killeen), 1st (Ms. Peters)

October Events

- On Monday 21st Oct our 5th and 6th classes have been invited to attend a matinee performance of The High School and Presentation Secondary School's musical "Oliver". Tickets costing €5 can be purchased on Aladdin. We wish the students and teachers involved the best of luck.
- Friday 25th Oct we will break for the Halloween mid-term. The boys are invited to dress up in their spookiest costumes for a fun-filled day. We hope everyone has a great Halloween.



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School Calendar 2024/2025

School will open on:	Thursday 29 th August 2024
Mid-Term Break:	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2024
Christmas holidays:	Closing on Fri 20 th December 2024 at 12.00 noon Re-opening on Monday 6 th January 2025
February Bank Holiday:	Closed Monday 3 rd February 2025
Mid-Term Break:	Closed Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st February 2025
St. Patrick's Day:	Monday 17 th March 2025
Easter Holidays:	Closing on Friday 11 th April 2025 at 12.00 noon Re-opening on Monday 28 th April 2025
May Bank holiday:	Closed Monday 5 th and Tuesday 6 th May 2025
June Bank holiday:	Closed Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd June 2025
Summer Holidays:	Closing Wednesday 25 th June 2025 at 12.00 noon

In the event that there are unexpected prolonged closures during the school year e.g. due to weather, these dates may be adjusted.