



# October Newsletter: 2023

## ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Dates for your Diary for October:

#### Book Fair

Begins Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October -

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Teachers will bring classes to the hall and allow children to view the books on sale. Books can be bought during the week after lunchtime from 1:10 - 2:30pm

#### Parent and Child Hour

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Once a book sells out, further copies WILL NOT be ordered.

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#### Dates for Halloween Week.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Halloween Dress Up Day

Prizes for all classes for top 'Best Dressed!'

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#### Parent-Teacher Meetings

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Times will be sent out to all parents for meetings on this day. NO CHILDREN ATTEND.

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#### School Closed for Halloween.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

To

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (INCLUSIVE)

Pupils return Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

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### Morning Club for 2023 - 2024

Cost £5 per week per child signed up.

Daily Register will be kept of all attendees and weekly payments recorded.

Please remember, this is a morning club and not a breakfast club.

Each child registered is registered for full attendance each week according to the number of days the school is open on any given week.

You cannot pay by the day as this club is restricted in numbers and we are already over the limit of 30 set for membership.

Please remember, this club was established to support parents who had to go to work each morning before 8:30am.

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#### 2 - 3 Club

As for the Morning Club, membership must be registered and payment, once again, is for full days each week that the school is open.

This club is for P2 & P3 pupils only.

Please remember, this club was set up to accommodate parents who had older children in P4 - P7 classes and to allow them a single pick-up time for their children.

Primary 1 children are not included simply due to their young age and the fact that the day is long enough for them now they are staying full time.

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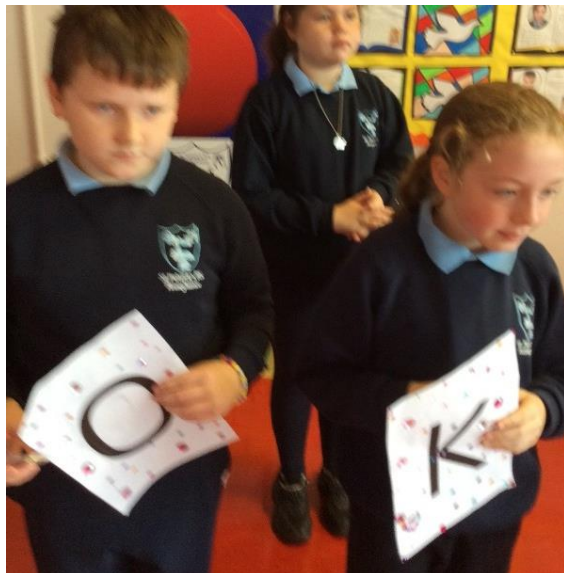
#### P7 Swimming

6 week block

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



**Congratulations to John and Eimear who  
are our Head Boy and Girl for 2023/24!!**



**Congratulations to Sean and Katie who  
are our Deputy Head Boy and Girl for 2023/24!**

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### **Pantomime 2023**

**Armagh Theatre - Aladdin**

**£20 per pupil including bus and ticket**

**P1 - P3 (Main School) 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**P4 - P7 on 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Letters will be sent out next week.**

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**A fond farewell was paid to Anne after 25  
years and 1 day as Head Cook at St Patrick's  
PS Annaghmore.**

On behalf of Governors, Staff, pupils and all  
parents past and present, we wish Anne many,  
many years of happiness ahead and the good  
health to enjoy every one of them!

**Thank you, Anne!!**

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### **Daily Mile**

Every class in the school are involved in doing  
the Daily Mile with their teachers and Teaching  
Assistants each day this term. Some jog while  
others walk at a pace but all are involved and  
enjoying the experience. This is all part of the  
mental health and welfare programme.

### **Flu Vaccine.**

This year is more important than ever that we  
have our children as protected as possible from  
flu. The vaccine is a simple nasal spray.

Please sign and return all forms to give  
permission or not for your child to be included.



### Autumn Weather

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day from now on as it is turning much wetter and colder.

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### Daily 'Snack' for breaktimes.

Snack should be one single item that a child can eat quickly to keep them going until dinnertime.

Breaktime is 15 minutes for everyone, and this includes playtime outside as well as eating snack.

We promote the 'Healthy Breaks Initiative' at St Patrick's PS and snack should be fruit, bread/pancake, bread stick; crisps and chocolate bars are not for healthy snack times and we ask all parents to please support the 'Healthy Break Initiative' and send only a healthy snack item with their child for breaktimes.

'Water in School is Cool!' is a further promotion at St Patrick's. Children should bring only plain, still water to drink during the school day in class. **NO fizzy drinks or fizzy water** should be brought to school.

**NO ENERGY DRINKS of any kind** are to be brought into the school. These will be taken and returned to parents at the end of the school day if seen and will be disposed of if sent in a second time.

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### 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 Interactive Whiteboards replaced!!

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the Morning Club or 2 - 3 Club last year. Money raised through these along with funds raised through non-uniform days has replaced the interactive board in Primary 6 room in September.

Our goal is to replace the second board in the main school in our P1 room by end of November if we hope to have sufficient funds raised to do so.

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### 2023 SEAG Entrance Assessment (Transfer 2023)

Pupil Registrations for the 2023 SEAG Entrance Assessment will reopen on Friday 29th September at 11 am and will close at 5:00pm on Monday 2nd October 2023.

Pupil Registrations are made on the website [www.seagni.co.uk](http://www.seagni.co.uk). The area on the website which parents complete to make a Pupil Application will not be open after the 5:00pm Monday 2nd October 2023 deadline has passed.