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September 2022 -

School Management Information

Welcome back for a new school year.

We welcome all our new P1 pupils and additional new pupils in the other year groups.

We welcome all our returning families and look forward to a successful school year.

Staffing Update

We welcome all our staff back to school for our new school year. There have been a few changes to the staff in school over the summer months.

P3 Job Share - Mrs N Beegan, who is returning to school after her maternity leave, will job share with Mrs S Hamill.

P3 - We welcome Mrs Orla Wilkinson to St.Patricks to teach P3.

The school's Management Structures and Curriculum Responsibilities are published at the end of this newsletter.

Board Of Governors of St.Patricks PS

Every school is managed by a Board of Governors. They work with Mr O'Neill to meet the educational needs of the school pupils in a secure and safe environment.

The Board of Governors includes:

- members representing the Parish. They are Trustee members.
- A Parent and a Teacher Rep who are elected by the parents and teachers associated with the school.
- Members of the general public with an interest in education appointed by the Department of Education or the Education Authority (EA) in your region - DENI & EA reps

What school governors do

The role of the Board of Governors is to make sure that the school provides pupils with a good education. The Board of Governors, work alongside the leadership team in the school to set the goals over the period of the School Development Plan:

- They review the school's plans and policies.
- They sit on interview panels to recommend teaching and non- teaching staff appointment to the Employing Authorities (CCMS & EA)
- They review the school budget.

- They support the Principal in delivering school improvement plans.

A governor is appointed in a voluntary unpaid capacity for four years. The Board of Governors meets as often as its business requires, usually 3-4 times at full board level. They undertake training programmes delivered by EANI.

The Board have members with different skills, knowledge and experience. The business of the school is progressed by the whole Board of Governors working together in the best interests of the staff and pupils.

St Patricks BOG 2023-24

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| Mrs. Fiona Mc Anespie (Chair) | Trustee |
| Mrs Cecilia McMahon (Vice Chair) | Education Authority Rep |
| Rev. Fr. Stephen Mc Brearty | Trustee |
| Mrs Maureen Eccles | Trustee |
| | Trustee |
| Mrs Stacy Hamill | Teacher Rep |
| Mrs Jan Houston | DENI Rep |
| Mr Ciaran Mc Collum | Education Authority Rep |
| Mr Simon Whittaker | Parent Rep |

Free School Meals Entitlement (FSME)/ Uniform allowance

Please note that applications for these allowances should be made on an annual basis. FSME entitlement is used to provide additional funding into the school budget. Your child doesn't have to have the meal every school day or at all, if desired. Eligibility criteria is as follows:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can apply if your son or daughter is in full-time education and if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: -

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less;
- Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/free-school-mealsuniform-grant-eligibility>.

Accessing school & starting/finishing times

The following access points will be used for start (8:45am) and end (2 and 3pm) of the school day.

Starting times

Mon - Fri @ 8:45 for all pupils.

Finishing times

Mon - Thur

P1 - P3 @ 2pm

P4- P7 @3pm

Friday finishing times

P1 - P3 classes @1:45pm

P4 - P7 classes @2:00 pm

Accessing school

P1A & P1B - Green door at Ean Hill side of the school

P2, P3, P2/3, P4 & P4/5 - Canopy door.

P5, P6 & P6/7 - Extension door

P6 - PE Hall -Side door



Wet Morning starts

If it is raining in the morning before 8:45. All pupils in P1 - P6 should come to the School Hall from 8:40am , where pupils will be supervised.

See - Saw Communication Tool

The teaching staff will continue to use the SEE- SAW in a reduced capacity, staff will continue to send out information regarding their class, class activities, samples of class work. This will be a one-way flow of information. (Teacher to Parent only).

This is to encourage the more established interactions between staff and parents, via face-to-face meetings and phone calls to the office.

Emails to info@stpatps.hollywood.ni.sch.uk will also receive a personal response, from the appropriate member of staff

Industrial Action

Action Short of Strike Action by Teaching Trade Unions

Due to the on-going dispute between the Employing Authorities and Teaching Trade Unions, the Teaching staff are following an Action Short of Strike procedures. The majority of these ASOS actions focus on school-based management activities but do not impact directly on class teaching and learning opportunities. After school club activities may also be limited due to ASOS.

School Focused Activities & News

P7 Transfer Test (SEAG) Registration process

The closing date for the Transfer test is 22nd September

Please note that it is a parental responsibility to complete the application process. Details are available on the SEAG website. The test will take place on 11th Nov & 25th Nov at designated exam centre.

P7 Parent Teacher Meetings

Mr Sherlock and Mrs O' Neill will hold their P7 Baseline Parent- Teacher meetings on W/B Monday 25th. A timetable will be issued to book your slot

After School Clubs

All external clubs will recommence week beginning 11th September, apart from Kidz club which will start on Monday 5th.

Teacher led clubs will be advertised in due course and hopefully will commence on w/b 18th September. A full list of clubs and application will be sent out next week.

- P1- P3 Kidz club will re commence on Monday 4th September - applications at the office.
- Irish Dancing on Tuesday 12th contact Denise - 07900608668
- CAST Drama on Thursday 14th contact Sarah - 07885243386
- Mr Sherlock's Gaelic Games After school club will start on Monday 11th from 3 - 4pm @St.Pauls GAA pitch (In school hall if weather is inclement)

- Girls Gaelic will be on a Friday starting on 15th from 2- 3pm @St.Pauls GAA pitch (In school hall if weather is inclement)

Swimming lessons

P4, P4/5 and P5 will attend swimming lessons in 23/24 school year at Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre in Castlereagh, using EA yellow buses. The cost per week is £4, to cover cost of transport, swim coaches and hire of facility. Parents can pay the full amount in advance or pay weekly. Please ensure your child wears their PE uniform on Thursdays for swimming. A towel, swim hat and goggles and an extra snack, if you could.

Swimming is an element of the primary PE curriculum and a child should be competent to swim 25 metres by the time they leave P7.

The programme is as follows

| Class | Dates | No. of weeks | Pay in Advance |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| P5 | 14 Sept - 7 Dec 23 | 12 | £48 |
| P4/5 | 11 th Jan - 21 March 24 | 10 | £40 |
| P4 | 11 April - 13 th June | 10 | £40 |

GAA Coaching

Through support of St.Pauls GAC, the school will have a Down GAA Coach working with different classes in Term 2. Other coaching opportunities will be notified in due course.

St.Pauls GAc have launched a joint bid with Holywood RFC to build an additional 3g facility on the edge of the St.Pauls grounds. It is a fantastic opportunity and school will benefit greatly from having access to it. A public consultation is on-going, please could you complete the attached document <https://forms.office.com/e/3c2CPy2V2e?origin=QRCode>

ICT Fund Raising Initiative

St.Patricks P.S. ICT Fund

As you may be aware, the St Patrick's PS staff - led by Mrs Orr - have developed a comprehensive Information Communication Technology (ICT) Curriculum from P1 to P7. Our pupils experience a curriculum that fully meets the requirements of the NI Curriculum for ICT. Our pupils have developed their ICT skills in Publishing, Presenting, Coding, Managing Data, Art & Design, Music & Sound, Film & Animation and thoroughly enjoy the learning that take place.

Over the past three years, we have been able to use the Shared Education partnership funding to purchase Beebots, Floor robots, Ozmo, Spheros and Lego Dacta to ensure the pupils had access to the best peripherals in meeting the needs of the curriculum.

In conjunction with the PTA, we launched our fundraising campaign to provide additional ICT resources we required to fulfil the curriculum needs of every pupil.

I am delighted to announce that we have achieved our target of £12800, with some fantastic contributions from the school community over the past few months. (We will still happily accept any additional contributions !!)

A sincere thank you in appreciation of every-one within the school who contributed to the fundraising initiative.

SEN Parental Request for Statutory Assessments

SEN Parental Request for Referrals

School Support Under current procedures within the SEN Departments school consultation policy.

As part of the school's SEN & Inclusion policy, it is noted that Parents who wish to make a parental referral for statutory assessment should consult the school's SENCo - Mrs Hamill, in preparation for any referral.

It is essential that this consultation takes place as the school team have to develop the educational evidence to support any referral that is accepted by EA's SEN department.

If you have any concerns, please speak to Mr O'Neill or Mrs Hamill.

Our Healthy Eating Policy For Break /Snack

| We recommend | We do not recommend - |
|--|--|
| Water Milk Fruit · Sandwich with nutritious filling · Vegetables Cheese | Crisps Chocolate Sweets Fruit yoghurts Fizzy drinks including flavoured water Biscuits Cereal bars Lunchables Cheese strings |



DUE TO ALLERGIES,
ST PATRICK'S
IS A
NUT FREE SCHOOL.

New Speed limit



The Dept. of Infrastructure are introducing a part-time 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT, in the area around the school and My Lady's Mile.

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PLEASE, take 10 minutes of your time and put your child's name on their school jumpers and car

A "sniff" test is not always the most reliable source of owner

This would be greatly appreciated by all the staff in school.



No Dogs on school grounds, PLEASE



PLEASE NOTE - NO DOGS ARE PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS due to HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, at any time of the day.

Management Structures and Curriculum Responsibilities

| Class Room Number | Class | Teacher | Curriculum Responsibility | Support Staff | School Management Role |
|-------------------|-------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | P1A | Mrs C Mc Sorley | Music | Mrs L Armstrong | |
| 3 | P1B | Mrs F O'Reilly | Maths | Mrs J Mc Carter | School Leadership Team (SLT) |
| 11 | P2 | Mrs M Tunney | FS-KS1 Co-coordinator; Early Professional Development Tutor; Deputy DT for safeguarding | Mrs C Thompson Mrs J Austin | SLT |
| 12 | P2/3 | <u>Mrs Hamill & Mrs Beegan</u> | <u>Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator</u> | Mrs G Knight | <u>SLT</u> |
| 10 | P3 | Mrs Wilkinson | | TBC | |
| 6 | P4 | Ms L O'Malley | Shared Education | Mrs S Ward | |
| 5 | P4/5 | Mrs S O'Reilly | Literacy | | SLT |
| 7 | P5 | Mrs T Orr | ICT | Mrs E Mc Cormack | SLT |
| 11 | P6/7 | Mrs K O'Neill | | Mrs M Walker | |
| 4 | P6 | Miss C Mc Keogh | | TBC | |
| 9 | P7 | Mr M Sherlock | Vice – Principal; KS2 Co-ordinator; | | SLT |

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|--------|------------------|----------------|--|--|-----|
| | | | Designated teacher for safeguarding; Assessment Manager | | |
| RBW | Learning Support | Miss C McQuaid | RE & PDMU | | |
| Office | | Mr C O'Neill | Principal Secretary to Governors (Non-voting) | | SLT |
| Office | | Mrs D Blaney | School Secretary | | |

Hollywood Youth club available for P5 - P7

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HOLLYWOOD YOUTH CENTRE

P5-P7

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Junior Youth Club

TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS 6-7.30PM

ENTRANCE VIA 61 CHURCH VIEW CAR PARK

Sports
POOL GAMES
TEAM CHALLENGES
CONSOLES
SOFA GAMES
SNACKS
VR TRIPS

Hollywood Youth Centre
Holywood Family Trust,
108-112 High Street,
Holywood,
Co. Down,
BT18 9HW

028 9042 7842

hollywoodyc@gmail.com

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hollywood family trust

And finally.....

All school information is available on the school website

<https://www.stpatrickspshollywood.com/>

The school calendar can be updated to your phone

<https://www.google.com/calendar/render?cid=http://www.stpatrickspshollywood.com/ic.al.php?download=1694072480>