

St Mary's



June Newsletter

"The playing adult steps sideward into another reality; the playing child advances forward to new stages of mastery." – Erik H Erikson

Transition to Primary School

St Mary's Primary School – The Primary School has organised a Stay & Play Parents Day for Thursday 5th June at 10.30am.

Park Lodge Primary School – We have been informed that the Year 1 Open Morning is on Tuesday 17th June from 9.30 – 10.15am.

Some primary school visits have taken place already and some have still to happen! Very exciting times! 😊

Transition Schools

The children are being encouraged to recognise their friends transitioning onto their new primary schools. To that end they sit together at dinner times during May and June so that we can foster their awareness of their friends names and their "New Teacher's names". This will hopefully reassure them when they see familiar faces in the playground and classrooms of their new "big school"!

Graduation Ceremony



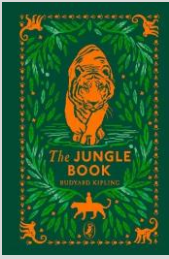
We are delighted to be having our Graduation Ceremony on Friday 13th June in St Mary's Church, Greencastle at 1.00pm for a short service of thanksgiving. Afterwards you are welcome to join us for light refreshments in the Pastoral Centre!



We would love to have a parent volunteer to read poem at the service – please email the School if you would be interested. Thank you!

Reports

End of year reports will be given out on Wednesday 11th June and we ask that you return them by Friday 13th when you will be furnished with a copy to keep.



Visit to St Mary's Star of the Sea Primary School

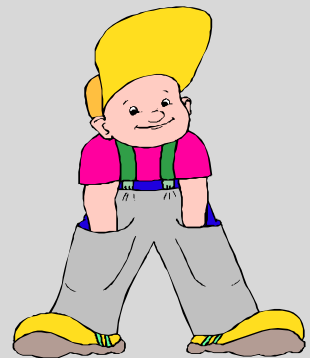
We are very excited to be invited to St Mary's Star of the Sea's Jungle Book Dress Rehearsal! Our exciting trip will take place on Tuesday 10th June.

Visit To/From Hazelwood Integrated Nursery Unit

On Friday 20th June Mrs Markey's class will have a visit to Mrs Douglas's class at Hazelwood Integrated Nursery Unit for a play date! At the same time Miss Clokey's class from Hazelwood will visit Mrs Friel's class in our School. We are looking forward to a fun filled morning with some new friends! 😊

Care In The Sun/Open Plan

We commenced our Open Plan/Care In The Sun Policy last month. The children will continue to have the opportunity to go straight to the playground at 9.10am (after morning greeting and prayers) and have both indoor and outdoor play until 11.45am. This ensures that your child is not playing outdoors whilst the sun's rays are at their strongest (WE'RE ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC HERE AT ST MARY'S 😊). Please ensure that you put sun cream on your child every day for the remainder of this term and provide them with a sun cap and sunglasses to keep in their pouches inside the classrooms. Thank you!



Activities



We are excited to be having a visit this month from the Amazon Jungle Show! The children will be enthralled to meet some reptiles on Thursday 12th!!

Children's Safety

Parents – please ensure the classroom doors are closed behind you.
Thank you.



Thinking of career training as a Nursery Assistant?

If any parents or anyone you know is thinking of training as a Nursery Assistant and need a placement, please ask them to speak to Mrs Markey.

Old Uniforms

If you have any uniforms that you are finished with by the end of June we would really appreciate them to sell on to next year's parents and/or as changes of clothes to be kept in the School. A box will be in the hall the last week of June to collect any donated uniforms.

Returners Reunion in September

A text will be sent out in September with details of our Returners Reunion. After that your number will be deleted from the Text Messaging System – please keep an eye out for the text!

Interest List for younger children

If you would like to leave the details of your younger children in the office we will put your child's name on a list to send you information in your child's pre-school year.

Colour for the month

This month's colours are "all colours" (including grey). We will be mixing colours using the primary colours and discussing colours of new primary school uniforms!

Topics for the month

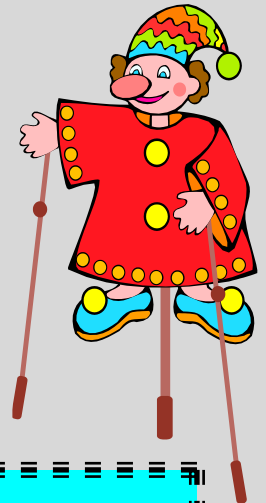


The topics for this term shall be Summer / Zoo and getting ready for Primary School. This is the perfect time of year to visit the zoo!

End of Term

School will finish at 11.30am on Friday 27th June. It will be a non-uniform day. We will have a very special day with a party!

School will be open on Monday 30th June, with a lower staff ratio as previously discussed, for those children who wish to attend. School will finish at 11.30am.



Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

- * Try and have special time with your child each day to play with toys and picture books.
- * Limit TV time. Try to watch TV together so you can talk about what happens.

You can help your child at home by ...

- 1) Encouraging your child to put on and off their own shoes and coat always.
- 2) Allowing the time to dress themselves - praising all their efforts.

We as a staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents for their support over this past year. We have really appreciated your help, patience and cooperation!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS