

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 Tuesday 16th at 10.30am.

Park Lodge Primary School – We have been informed that the Year 1 Open Morning is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

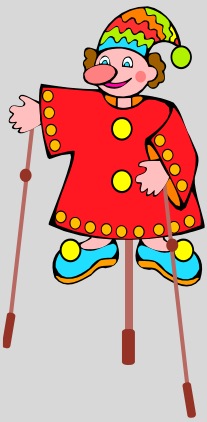
End of year reports will be given out on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June and we ask that you return them by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> when you will be furnished with a copy to keep.

## 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 9.15am (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 had a very exciting visit this month to Streamvale Open Farm! The children were enthralled to meet some of the animals on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June!

We can't wait to end the year with a giggle-filled Punch and Judy Show on 30<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the children's last day of fun together!

## 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 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. It will be a non-uniform day. We will have a very special day with a party!

### 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