



St. Colman's Primary School
and
All Saints' Nursery Unit
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Progress Through Partnership, Leading To Excellence



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Vision statement: To be an inclusive, caring School where childhood and community are valued; one which inspires learning for life and develops the personal qualities needed to succeed in a rapidly changing world. This vision will be best realised as we undergo a continual journey of *progress through partnership, leading to excellence.*

November Update



Nursery and Primary 1 Admissions - September 2019

The EA have moved to an **online admissions system** for those families seeking to apply for a place in the Nursery and Primary School for September 2019.

The dates window has also changed and no longer opens before the Christmas holidays. The Education Authority (EA) plans to introduce a new portal for parents to apply online. This replaces the current paper-based application form.

The Go Live date for the new digital admissions is Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 1000. The closing time and date for punctual applications will be on midnight on Thursday 31st January 2019. For admission to the forthcoming academic year, parents will **STILL** have to provide their child's birth certificate and/or additional supporting evidence to the school office.

Mr O'Neill will be hosting an **information evening** on the process for both NU/P1 on **Tuesday 4th December at 1900**. All are welcome.

Breakfast Club

Continues to be a huge hit with our children and is the perfect start to the school day.

Single child: £1.00

Two or more children from the same family: £2.00

ASC - Fee £2.00/day for each child.
(NURSERY – P3 1.45pm – 2.35pm)

EASC (NURSERY – P7 2.35pm-
6pm) - Fee £10 per session (2.35pm
up to 6pm)/6 per ½ session (2.35pm
up to 4pm.)



IQM Flagship Award for Inclusion 2018 - 2021



Teresa McNamee will be our IQM Assessor this year and will be visiting our school on Tuesday 20th of November.

P7 Transfer Tests

Good luck to all of our children sitting their AQE and GL tests over the next month. You have worked incredibly hard and have matured and grown immeasurably. We are proud of each and every one of you!

Special Visitors to our School This Month

RSPB will be giving an assembly to our P2/P3 children on Monday 19th November. **PSNI** will be talking to P3 children about the importance of dressing brightly and being seen on Wednesday 21st November.

New School Playground

We are delighted to receive a letter from the Department of Education telling us that our minor works application from Dec 2017 has been approved and that the top field can be converted into a fit for purpose playground.

This is something that the school, the PA, the parish and the community have lobbied hard for over a long period of time. To take delivery of the letter, on the exact same day that our children told us in their survey that the thing they most wanted to improve in our school was the lack of play space, was perfect timing and incredibly well received by our children.

At present I do not have the dates or timeframe for construction - but it is hoped that the new playground, together with the markings on the existing playground will be read early in the new year.

The work will lead to some minor disruption for our children arriving to school each morning, as it is *likely* that the hill will be out of bounds. Once a risk assessment has been undertaken, all patrons will be informed about the temporary arrangements.



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Parent & Pupil Questionnaire

Thank you for taking part in the survey. All answers and comments are now in and as promised I will be giving feedback in next month's update.

The pupil results (P1-P3) have already been tabulated and are available for download on the school website.

<http://www.stcolmansandallsaints.co.uk/>



House Cup

Congratulations to Ulster and our **Yellow House** on winning the House Cup for Term 1a. All children in this house will have a non-uniform day on **Friday 23rd November** to celebrate.

School Council

Our school council will be working towards the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award this year. A parental information leaflet is available on our school website.



Library Van - (P2 to P4)

The van will be visiting the school on both the 5th and 19th of this month.

Christmas Performances

KS2 Carol Service Tuesday 11 December at 1900 (chapel)

NU Nativity Play Wednesday 12th December at 1000 (in school)

FS/KS1 Nativity Performance Thursday 13th December at 1900 (chapel)



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Farewell and Hello!

In November we bid a very fond farewell to Miss Lively who has been with ourselves since Sept 2017. Miss Lively chalked up a number of accolades with us during her time here. Holy Communion, our EcoFlag and Jive Club! We all enjoyed her time with us here and wish her all the very best for the future.

On November 26th we will welcome our new Vice-Principal, Mrs Morgan to the school. Mrs Morgan joins us from St. Joseph's P.S., Tyrella and will be our new Primary 5 teacher.

Our School Values

Each month this year we will be taking one of our school values and using it as a focus for our Pastoral Assemblies each morning. In October we looked at *honesty* and in the month of November it is *respect*. Below is the values calendar for the year ahead.

Values Calendar for 2018-19

September	Resilience
October	Honesty
November	Respect
December	Happiness
January	Collaboration
February	Kindness/Thoughtfulness
March	Tolerance
April	Perseverance
May	Responsibility
June	Appreciation

CROSSCAUSE APPEAL

This year the Road Of Hope Shoe Box Appeal would like Saint Colman's to help the below Charity instead of filling shoe boxes.

Crosscause are an Irish charity, run by volunteers, and we have been active in rural Romania since 2003. Everyday we strive to support the most vulnerable (people with disabilities, the elderly, children living in poverty etc) in our community, and now YOU can help too!

HOW?

We are collecting donations to fill THREE lorries driven by three ladies which will be going out in November. We need YOU to help with our most essential items!

WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

- Tins and packs of food (pasta, soups, flour, oil, sugar etc)
- Nappies, creams, wipes
- Toiletries (Shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, deodorant etc)
- NEW Winter Pyjamas (all sizes needed)
- NEW Slippers (all sizes needed)
- NEW Underwear (all sizes needed)

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop

<https://www.facebook.com/CrossCauseBlackrock/>



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November 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5. LIBRARY VAN	6.	7.	8. P3 Assembly P7 SWIMMING	9. Money Day P7 Mock Test
12.	13.	14.	15. P7 SWIMMING	16.
19. LIBRARY VAN RSPB Assembly	20. IQM Assessment	21. PSNI - P3	22. P1 Assembly P7 SWIMMING	23.
26.	27. P7 Visit to St. Patrick's College, Banbridge	28. FLU VACCINATION	29. P7 SWIMMING	30.
3. LIBRARY VAN	4. Admissions Information	5.	6.	7.



Christmas Dinner for Children - Friday 7th December



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