

SPRING STORIES

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We are looking forward to a few busy months ahead.

We write to you to share information about policies and procedures we use every day in our school and also to share some dates for your diary. If you have any questions regarding any of the items below, please do not hesitate to contact me at office@stpatricksgirls.net

Kind regards,
Eileen Kelly
Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURES

5th February (Monday): Public Holiday

15th February and 16th February (Thursday and Friday): Mid Term Break

27th February (Tuesday):

Curriculum Inservice Day for Staff

8th March (Friday): Schools Closed -Polling Station

18th March (Monday): Bank Holiday

SCHOOL LUNCHES


Over next few weeks, we will begin a review of our current school lunches and we will welcome the input from parents. For those parents who currently do not avail of the free school lunches, please use the Healthy Eating Guidelines when packing the lunches.

SCHOOL GATES/COLLECTIONS AND PARKING

The school doors will open at 8.30 a.m. Children will be supervised as they make their way to their classrooms ahead of the start of the school day at 8.50 a.m.

We encourage as many children and families as possible to walk to school. If you must drive, again we encourage you to park away from the school gate and walk with your child where possible. We ask that all children and parents use the designated pathways when walking into the school yard

.Do not walk under the barrier.

We remind parents that parking is for staff on the school grounds. The safety of the children entering and exiting is our priority. The safety of children is the priority outside the school gate. Please drive responsibly and park responsibly. The yellow box outside the school entrances is not to be used for drop off or collection. Please  park your car before children enter/exit the vehicle.

Please share the above information with family members and friends who may assist with school drop off and collections.

ATTENDANCE

Being on time for school is really crucial. When your child arrives late every day, they might miss out on some important things. In the mornings, we cover key subjects that build the foundation for the rest of the day's learning. This time is the first building block for their education.

But it's not just about lessons. Arriving on time lets your child mix with their friends before classes start. These moments of interaction are not just fun; they also help in making school a positive and friendly place.

If your child is late regularly, they might be missing out on some fun. We want your help to make sure your child gets the most out of their time at school by being on time.

We are asking our pupils to make a big effort to be on time for school. Those minutes late really do add up.

COMMUNICATION AND ACCESS

The Board of Management wishes to remind all parents and guardians that no adults, other than staff members, should enter the school building, unless by prior arrangement and/or on the express permission of the Principal or Deputy Principal, or on an established basis/arrangement with the teacher.

Please note that this is in keeping with Health and Safety guidelines and also with child protection legislation. It should also be noted that if a parent/guardian wishes to meet an individual teacher, he/she should first contact the School Office to make the appropriate arrangements. Messages for teachers can be sent by (1) writing a note to the class teacher or (2) emailing the school at office@stppatricksgirls.net or (3) by phoning the school office (021 4509246). The Board of Management would like to remind all parents and guardians to be aware that it is obliged to take the safety and well-being of all the pupils and staff in the school very seriously.



UNIFORM AND TRACKSUITS

Uniforms & Tracksuits

Children will wear their uniform on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children will wear their tracksuit on Thursdays and Fridays. We ask children to keep their hair tied back to help with the prevention of Head Lice. Please see

<https://stppatricksgirls.net/uniform/> for more information.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

We use this policy across the school to reward positive behaviour and to address any issues that may arise. We strongly encourage parents to read our Code of Behaviour at <https://stppatricksgirls.net/code-of-behaviour/>

School Events

Confirmation Class

9th January (Tuesday):

6th Class Confirmation Retreat

12th February (Monday):

Service of Light for 6th Class
at 10.15 mass in St. Joseph's

14th March (Thursday):

**Confirmation at 10.30 in St.
Joseph's Church**

15th March (Friday) :

Confirmation Photos at school
and a special treat

Communion Class

15th April (Monday):

First Confession at 10.15 a.m.
mass in St. Joseph's Church

27th April (Saturday):

**First Holy Communion at 11
a.m.** in St. Joseph's Church

Followed by Communion

Breakfast  hosted by the

Parents' Group 12 to 1 p.m.

A photographer will be there
to take the photographs for

any families that

may wish to take part. Contact
the Parents Group for further
details

See also

<http://www.saintjosephsmayfield.com/> for
weekend mass times.

HOMEWORK

The following are guidelines for time spent at homework. Different children will complete the same homework in different lengths of time. Time spent will vary from day to day and also from the beginning to the end of the school year. It is important to remember that it is the quality and not the quantity of homework that matters.

1st Class/2nd Class 10/20 minutes

3rd Class/4th Class 30/40 minutes

5th Class/6th Class 50/60 minutes

Policies / Updates

All relevant school policies can be
viewed at

<https://stppatricksgirls.net/>

We encourage you to follow our
school website where you will find
regular updates on daily events
in our school.

School Events

All classes:

Ongoing:

Viewpoints Art Exhibition on loan from the Glucksman Art Gallery

Tuesdays: Violin Tuition

Wednesdays: Dancing with Derek starting 21st February for 4 weeks

Wednesdays: Sports and Cooperative Learning with Oliver from the School Completion Programme for 5th and 6th Classes

Thursdays (After Easter): Camogie with Liz

End of February: Sciath na Scol training

Extra Special Events

Week beginning 6th February: Safer Internet Day and Internet Safety Week

20th February: 3rd and 4th Class attending Defence Forces Band in City Hall

7th March: World Book day-Pupils can dress up as their favourite character

Parents Group Book Sale (To raise funds for ICT equipment for the SEN Dept.

15th March: Lá Glás agus Siúlóid: Pupils are invited to dress in green and join the campus in a walk around the area

Seachtain na Gaeilg★

Events include Tráth na gCeist(quiz); Feis Phádraig for 1st Class (Poem Recitation); Ceol Traidisiúnta ó Tom agus Orlaith;Turas go Crawford Art Gallery(Whole school trip to Crawford Art Gallery) <https://crawfordartgallery.ie/gniomhaiochtaí-as-gaeilge/> ; Siúlóid timpeall Shandon do Rang 6 and Grandparents Day to mention an event or two.

21st March (Thursday): School Disco organised by our hardworking Parents Group. Tickets will be on sale at the end of February.

Cór Fhéile na Scol: 3rd and 4th Classes Close to Easter

**Courses for Parents-Contact June McCarthy our HSCL for more information
085 1686081**

Class		Date/ Time	Tutor	Venue	Duration
Fitness Classes for Parents Yoga	All parents	Mondays 9 to 10 am.	Liagh Miller Cork ETB	Aras <u>Phadraig</u> .	10 Weeks. Finishing on the 20th of May
Parent and Toddler Dance Class	All parents	Wednesdays	Amanda Duke	Aras <u>Phadraig</u>	4 Weeks 21st and 28th of Feb 6th and 13th of March.
Candle making with parents of 1st class.	1st class parents	TBD	Rosie	Aras <u>Phadraig</u>	
Communion Frames	2nd class parents	Week beginning the 29th of April	June Mc Carthy Amanda Duke	Aras <u>Phadraig</u>	1 session.