



# MERCY NEWSLETTER

## September 2018

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Dear Parents and pupils,

It is so brilliant to be back at school, and what a great start we have had to the year. Our girls have settled in well to their new classes and are already beginning the excellent habits to make their learning a success this year.

A big thank you to all you parents for having the girls so well turned out and also for completing your homework by returning all the forms!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Loughran

### Welcome to our new P1 classes!



Our pupils will be photographed for the North Belfast News, Primary One Supplement this month.

Our school photographer will be in to take P1 photographs on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**September** for you to sample and purchase if required.

Any sisters or other pupils are welcome to get photographs taken also.

### **Thank you**



Mrs Hunt and Mrs Cush are enjoying the new year without school bells. Both wanted to convey thanks and appreciation to you for all your support and generosity to them on their retirement.

*Dear Parents, Grandparents and Girls,  
As you know I recently retired from teaching, after many happy years in Mercy Primary School. I truly valued the relationships I had with you and your families and I loved working with all your wonderful children. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your good wishes, kind words and beautiful gifts, which I received in June. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.*

*As I begin a new chapter in my life, I wish you and your families a healthy, peaceful and successful school year ahead. You remain in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God bless,  
Stella Hunt*

### Mercy Day Service

Our Mercy Day Mass takes place on **Friday 21st September**. Fr John Craven will join us at this time.

### Curriculum Meetings

This month our curriculum meetings begin and you will be invited into school to find out about what your daughter will be learning this year. This is a good opportunity to get to know the class teacher and to begin home school expectations.

Tuesday 18th	P4 & P5 Classes	2.25pm
Wednesday 19th	P6 & P7 Classes	2.25pm
Thursday 20th	P2 & P3 Classes	1.30pm

**Individual Parent Meetings** – will take place on **24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> October** from 1pm- preferred days can be booked at the curriculum meetings. We will do our best to accommodate sisters.

### Nut Free Zone

Parents, we are a nut free zone. This means that birthday treats are restricted. We **cannot give out birthday cake** in school. If you desire, only 'Haribo' sweets may be sent in to share. We thank you for your understanding in this matter as it is lifesaving

### Once a Week – Take a Peek

- Reminder to all parents to tie long hair back every day in plaits or ponytails.
- Check once a week or at the weekend for signs of head lice.



### **DANGER !!!!! CAR PARKING !!!!**

Please take note that parents should not be driving into the school grounds. Pupils should be dropped off on the path outside school. Mr O'Connor is outside to remind parents of this. Parents should park on the main road and pupils should walk up the pedestrian pathway.



**Keep the Driveway  
Clear**



### Parent Teacher Association

We hope to have a meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Any parents who are interested in joining the PTA please come along. It is a great opportunity to get involved in some of the events at our school and to help decide how you can best support your children in Mercy Primary.

### Accelerated Reading

Primary 4-7 have been undergoing their Star Reading Tests and will be bringing home new AR books to read. Once pupils have their levels they can also borrow AR books at Ardoyne library.

### ENVELOPES

Money envelopes are available from the office for £3.00. All money must be put into envelopes; one set will cover the full year.

### SCHOOL BAGS

School book bags are available from the office at a cost of £5

### Afterschool Clubs

School Clubs are beginning. Watch this space for more details in the weeks to come.

### Homework/ AR Club P1-P7

All children can avail of our homework club with iPad/AR activities and games to finish. Monday –Thursday between 1-2pm and 3-4pm. Cost of £1 per session.

Supervised by Miss Copeland.

### After School Clubs this term:

Tuesday	<b>Gymnastics</b> P1-P3 @ 2-3pm P4-P6 @ 3-4pm	<b>Transfer Practice Club</b> P7 @3-4pm
Wednesday	<b>Art Attack</b> P1-P3 @ 2-3pm P4-P6 @ 3-4pm	
Thursday	<b>Netball</b> P6-P7 @ 3-4pm	<b>Transfer Practice Club</b> P7 @ 3-4pm
Friday	<b>Film Club</b> P3-P7 @ 2-3pm	

**P7 Extra Club:** Maths and English practice club  
Tuesday and Thursday 3-4.00 pm

### Class Dojo



Thank you to all those parents who have signed up to Class Dojo to date. We would encourage everyone to get on board as you will receive lovely photos and updates of pupils' work and progress

School App is available to download from our website.



Due to Health and Safety we need to ask that dogs are not brought into the school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Assembly dates this term.

28<sup>th</sup> September- Primary 5 Assembly 1.20pm

19<sup>th</sup> October - Primary 6 Assembly 1.20 pm

## Dates for Your Diary

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** -School photographer for P1 and all classes.

**Curriculum Meetings P4 & P5 @ 2.25pm**

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**Curriculum Meetings P6 & P7 @ 2.25pm**

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Curriculum Meetings P2 & P3 @ 1.30pm**

**PTA meeting at 7 pm** - all new parents welcome.

**Monday 24<sup>rd</sup> September** -

**School Closed for Staff Development**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** -Macmillan

Coffee Morning @ 11am

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - MidLandTheatre

Show. ARABIAN ADVENTURE £2 per child

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

These will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October  
**School will finish for pupils at 1pm on these dates.**

### Mid-Term Holidays

School closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October for Staff Training. (Not already allocated.)

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**School Re-Opens -Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**