



MERCY NEWSLETTER September 2017

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Dear Parents and pupils,

Welcome back to another new school year! Everyone is settling so well into their routines. Our lovely P1 pupils have made an excellent start and all the other year groups are settling in quickly to their new classes.

Mrs McConnell has had a lovely new baby over the summer and we wish her and Ivy best wishes!

We have our Mercy Day Mass on 25th September. It is a good chance for us all to come together to welcome our P1 pupils and the new children who have joined us over the summer months.

There is still ongoing improvement work in school so we ask that you are patient while our hall gets back into operation and we can resume service as normal. Best Wishes,

Mrs Loughran

Welcome to our new P1 classes!



Our pupils will be photographed for the North Belfast News, Primary One Supplement on Monday 18th September.

Our school photographer will be in to take P1 photographs on Tuesday 19th

September for you to sample and purchase if required. Many beautiful smiling faces will be captured!

Parent Room

Our new parent room officially being opened on Thursday 28th September. We will be glad to welcome both current and new P1 parents. The Lord Mayor might pop in to visit. We will be having a drop in Macmillan coffee morning on this day also! Our parent officer is planning lots of great activities to get everyone involved through the year.

First Communion

Primary 4 parents waiting for information about First Holy Communion dates will be contacted as soon as the parish informs us.

Keep Aware - Keep safe

There have been unconfirmed reports of a person approaching a pupil in the morning on their way to school. While this may be completely innocent I would ask all parents to be vigilant and to remind the girls to stay on the main road if they are alone and close to where lots of other parents are walking.

Parent Teacher Association

We hope to have a meeting on Tuesday 3rd October at 2pm. 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 Mercy Primary.

Mercy Day Service

Our Mercy Day Mass takes place on Monday 25th September. Fr John Craven will join us at this time.

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



Cars are continuing to park over the clearway in front of the school gates. This is dangerous and blocks the driveway of the school. Please take care and keep this area clear. Reports of cars making dangerous U turns onto the Crumlin Road please take care.

ENVELOPES

Money envelopes are available from the office for £2.00. 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 £3.50

Afterschool Clubs

Due to improvement works some, but not all clubs are up and running just yet. Watch this space for more details in the weeks to come.



Homework Club P1-P7

All children can avail of our homework club with iPad activities and games to finish.

Monday –Thursday between 1-2pm

and 3-4pm. Cost of £1 per session.

Supervised by Miss Copeland.

123-Club with Mrs Murray table activities.

Every day for P1-2 bus children.

NETBALL Club

Start date delayed. Information to follow.

Jujitsu Joe – Dancing

On Tuesday from 2-3pm for P2 and P3.

Computer Club

Start date delayed. Information to follow.

P7 Extra Club: Maths and English practice club

Tuesday and Thursday 3-4.00 pm

Sustrans



Our school has been chosen to take part in the **Sustrans Active School Travel Programme**. We will be working with

Beverley Gaston, our Sustrans Active Travel Officer, to encourage more journeys to school by walking, cycling or scooting. Over the year there will be a variety of activities promoting active travel and the benefits it brings. We understand walking or cycling to school isn't easy for every family, so there will be opportunities for all children to join in. We would encourage you to support this by walking when possible, and by watching out for cyclists and pedestrians on your journey to school. We also have a new Active School Travel Policy – if you would like to see this ask at the office/visit our website.



Assembly dates this term.

Parents are always welcome to join our class assemblies. We are currently getting new windows in our hall so assemblies will resume as soon as the hall becomes available.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 19th September -School photographer for P1 and all classes.

Monday 25rd September - Mercy Day Mass

Thursday 28th September -Macmillan Coffee Morning @ 11am

Tuesday 3th October at 2pm PTA meeting.

Thursday 19th October - Wizard William Theatre Show. £2

Parent Teacher Interviews

These will take place on 25th & 26th October

School will finish for all pupils at 12.30 pm on these dates.

Mid-Term Holidays

School is closed for one week

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November

School Re-Opens -Monday 6th November

Canteen Break

We are continuing to provide a break service from the canteen for P3-P7 to enable them to have a break of toast, breads and fruit.

For those wishing to avail of the service, money will be collected on a termly basis.

Breakfast Club is also available at the price of £1 per day

Curriculum meetings

Curriculum Meetings will take place next week. Letters have gone home. This is a good chance to find out about the coming year and the work involved.

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 our pupils' work and progress.