



MAY & JUNE NEWSLETTER

9th May 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to give you notice of some important information, dates and events that have or will be taking place during the final two months of this school year. It's hard to believe that we are at this stage of the year so soon.

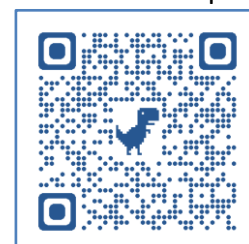
FAMILY FUN DAY: I am delighted to inform you that we have arranged our final 25th Anniversary event which will be a Family Fun Day in our school grounds on **Saturday 24th June from 12noon-4pm**. We have teamed up with Cromore outdoor events company to ensure there will be plenty of activities for families to enjoy. We encourage all local families to come along and celebrate 25 years of Our Lady's Primary School, Tullysaran so please keep Saturday 24th June free in your diary.

Any parent who would like to be involved in the organisation and arrangements of our Family Fun Day should come along to a meeting on Wednesday 24th May @7pm. Thanks.





















NEW WELCOME SIGN & SCHOOL STRIP: Our new welcome sign which includes the handprints of all children, staff and Board of Governors has been installed in our school foyer. I would like to thank CLS Signage for overseeing the design and installation of our sign which is a great addition to our foyer and a wonderful way to mark 25 years of our school. Our new school strip has also arrived, and I would like to thank our sponsors: Mc Elmeel Mobility Services, JF McKenna and Orange Box Farm Shop for their support. The new strip was designed by our pupils and includes the red of Tullysaran GAC. We look forward to the children wearing our new strip at the next blitz and for many years representing our school and community.

SPORTING & QUIZ SUCCESS: Congratulations to our girls' football team on making the final of the Armagh Cumann na mBunscol Malachy Mc Geeney Medium schools' competition in the Box It Athletic Grounds and performing with great tenacity in the final only to be beat by a very strong Madden team. Also, well done to our Primary 6 Credit Union quiz team who won the Armagh section of the quiz and qualified for the Chapter Level only to be edged out of first place in the final two rounds.

Please go to our website (www.ourladyspstullysaran.com) or scan the QR code to read more about our school notices. You can also keep up to date with our school events by following us on twitter: [@OLPSTullysaran](https://twitter.com/OLPSTullysaran)



Please turn over for important information, dates and events occurring in May and June:

-  **Ceremony of Light (P7):** Tuesday 9th May @ 7pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. Children wear their school uniform and should arrive with at least one parent in good time. Thanks.
-  **Jersey Day:** Friday 12th May is Jersey Day. Children can wear their favourite jersey or colour to school.
-  **School Photographer:** Tuesday 16th May. Parents may contact the school if they would like to organise family photographs.
-  **Primary 5 Parish Sing Performance:** Tuesday 16th May @11.30am in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.
-  **May Closure Dates:** 18th May – Local Elections (Polling Station) & 29th – 31st May (Bank Holiday & Staff Days).
-  **St. Patrick's Grammar School Primary 6 Boys' Taster Day:** Friday 19th May.
-  **Holy Communion (P4):** Saturday 20th May @ 11am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran.
-  **Post-Primary Places Notification:** Saturday 20th May. Parents of Primary 7 children will receive notification of their child's post-primary school place.
-  **Family Funday Meeting:** Wednesday 24th May @7pm. Any parent interested in assisting in the organisation of our Family Funday on 24th June should attend. Thanks.
-  **Apple Blossom Swimming Gala:** Friday 26th May in the Orchard Leisure Centre for selected P5-7 swimmers.
-  **Confirmation (P7):** Saturday 27th May @ 11am in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.
-  **St. Catherine's Armagh Post-Primary Induction Day for Primary 7 girls:** Thursday 1st June.
-  **Sports Day:** Friday 2nd June is our proposed date for Sports Day however if there is a spell of good weather in May we may reschedule and inform parents via text. Sports Day is a day for the children to participate and have fun. Traditionally parents have not attended Sports Day in our school, and we would like to continue with this tradition as it does not put parents under pressure to attend and the children can actively participate in a fun and relaxed environment. Photographs will be posted on our website and twitter page.
-  **St. Patrick's Grammar School Armagh Post-Primary Induction Day for Primary 7 boys:** Tuesday 6th June.
-  **Reception & Primary One Parents' Induction Information Evening:** Tuesday 20th June @7pm in school.
-  **Primary 7 Leavers' Mass:** Friday 23rd June @10am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran.
-  **Primary 7 Last Day:** Friday 23rd June.
-  **St. Patrick's Academy Post-Primary Induction Day for Primary 7 children:** Monday 26th June.
-  **P2-P6 Class Transition Day:** Tuesday 27th June. Children will meet their teacher for next year. We will have 8 classes again next year with two Primary 2 classes. Further information will follow in June.
-  **Summer Holidays:** School closes for summer holidays on Friday 30th June @12noon.

Any changes will be sent out by text to Parents/Guardians or amended on our website. If you have changed your mobile number/address, please inform the school in writing or via email. Thanks.

ADMISSIONS: We have accepted 19 Primary One and 6 Reception children for our Reception and Primary One class for 2023/24. We will host an induction evening for all Reception, and Primary One parents on Tuesday 20th June in school. Our new Reception and Primary One children will come into school at the beginning of September for their induction days before starting school on Wednesday 6th September.

UNIFORM: It is very important that children continue to wear full school uniform, which includes plain black footwear, during term 3. Children may wear plain navy shorts or blue checked summer dresses during the summer term.

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES: We have a wide variety of afterschool activities for term 3: P1 – Art & Sports Clubs; P2 – Lego Club & Soccer; P3 – Lego Club & Soccer; P4 – Sports, Science & Art Clubs; P5 – Sports, Science & Art Clubs; P6 – Transfer Class; P6 & P7: ICT Club, Gaelic & Soccer; P4-7 – Fiddle and Choir. Breakfast and 123 Clubs are also available for children to attend.

HOLY COMMUNION: Our Primary Four children will celebrate their Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May @11am in the Immaculate Conception, Church, Tullysaran. Everyone is welcome to attend, and a pew will be designated for each family with refreshments served in the Community Centre afterwards. Thanks to all the Primary 3 parents who have agreed to assist with the preparing of food and serving of refreshments for the after party. We hope our Primary 4 children and families have a special and memorable day.

SCHOOL TRIPS: School trips for all classes have been finalised with letters sent home (please view dates and destinations, below). Payments may be made in instalments and via ParentPay. Please contact the school if you require any support with the payment of school trips. Thanks.

Primary 1: Thursday 15th June – *Tannaghmore Gardens & Farm* (£10)

Primary 2: Thursday 15th June – *Fairy Glen, Slieve Gullion* (£11)

Primary 3: Friday 16th June – *Newcastle beach & Eddie Rockets, Newry* (£15)

Primary 4: Wednesday 14th June - *Airtastic* (£20)

Primary 5: Thursday 8th June – *Craigavon Ski Centre* (£20)

Primary 6 & 7: Wednesday 7th June – *Emerald Park* (£40)

PARENT PAY: We continue to use Parent Pay to facilitate cashless payments however cash payments may be accepted on some occasions. Please ensure that you keep your payments up to date on Parent Pay to assist us in the smooth running of our school. Thank you.

Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns and keep up to date with school events via our school website, app, and twitter page.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Take care and all the best

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Principal