

## OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our Lady's P.S.



## END OF YEAR LETTER

24<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are coming to the end of another school year and on behalf of all staff I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year.

I would also like to thank our staff for all their hard work over the course of the year. We are indebted to our excellent school team who strive to do all they can for the children and I hope they enjoy a relaxing summer break.

**Sports Awards:** We hosted our Sports Day prize giving ceremony on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June and we were delighted to have Mrs Ciara Marley and Miss Hannah Duffy to present the children with their medals. Ciara, a former pupil of Tullysaran Primary School, and Hannah, a former pupil of Our Lady's, brought in both the Ulster and All Ireland trophies which they won with St. Catherine's this year. The children were delighted to see



Hannah & Ciara with the Primary 7 children.

them both and receive their medals from two All-Ireland champions. Thank you to both Ciara, Hannah and Paddy Óg (Ciara's son) for taking the time to come into our school and presenting the children with their medals.

I would like to remind you of the arrangements for this week and the beginning of the 2019/20 school year.

There will be a **Primary 7 Leavers Mass (tomorrow), Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June @10am** in the school. This will be followed by a **P5-7 end of year disco from 7-9 pm** (there is no charge) on the same evening. This will be the P7's final day. **School will finish for Reception/P1-6 pupils at 12 noon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.** Please ensure all dinner bills and snack money are paid before Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. P7 Reports have been sent home (today) Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June and P1-6 reports will be sent home on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs O'Hara will meet with parents of Reception children to discuss their reports before the summer break.

Could I also remind you that school will recommence on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August for all P2-P7 children from 9am-2pm.** Breakfast club will be available from **8am** as normal and children who are not attending Breakfast Club may enter school from **8.40am**. I must advise you that there will be **no buses or dinners on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** so children must bring a **packed lunch** with them to school. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused. Buses will operate as normal and dinners will be available on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Primary One and Reception children will begin school on the agreed dates in September. A holiday list for next year is available on our school website.

**123 Club** will recommence on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 2-3pm for all P1-P3 pupils. Unfortunately, we have to increase the charge for **123 Club to £3** per day per child from September. This is to ensure we cover all costs in providing this service for parents which is still very good value and an excellent opportunity for children to play with their peers in a safe environment.

Classes for next year are as follows:

**Reception & Primary 1:** Mrs Noreen Hegarty

**Primary 2:** Mrs Kerry Dillon

**Primary 3:** Mrs Kate Comiskey

**Primary 4:** Mrs Aideen Mc Cloy

**Primary 5:** Mrs Karina O'Hara

**Primary 6:** Mr Ryan Mc Cusker

**Primary 7:** Mr Tomás Mc Kee & Mrs Anne Maxwell

School uniform will remain the same next year with **plain black footwear (shoes or runners)** and plain navy trousers/tracksuit bottoms or skirts/pinafores permitted in school. Girls should wear navy tights or navy knee high socks. Children may wear plain navy shorts or blue checked summer dress with white socks in September and in the third term. Tracksuit bottoms with logos and coloured trainers will not be permitted. Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum. Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform.

Application forms for free school meals, school transport and uniform grants for 2019/20 are now available on the Education Authority website. It is very important that you register your child for free school meals even if they take lunches as the school receives extra funding from the Department of Education for children who are eligible for free school meals.

Please find a short survey attached to this letter that focuses on some of the areas that we have been developing this year. We are always striving to improve our school and over the last two year we have prioritised our preschool and afterschool provision. We have also further enhanced our communications with parents through our new website and parent information sessions. We would greatly appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the questionnaire and please use the final box to make further suggestions as to how we could continue to improve your child(ren)'s educational journey in Our Lady's.

I would like to wish our Primary 7 children and their families, especially those families who bid their final farewell to our school all the best of luck for the future. The Primary 7 children have been a fantastic group of children and we will all miss them. Take care and good luck.

I hope that you and your family enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing all children back to school on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

Thank you for your continued support and please contact the school if you have any queries.

Yours Sincerely,

*Tomás Mc Kee*

Tomás Mc Kee

(Principal)



## END OF YEAR SURVEY – 2018/19

No.	Questions/Comments	Please circle Yes or No	
1a.	<p><i>This year we have set up a new website to improve communication with parents and celebrate the children's learning experiences and achievements.</i></p> <p><b>Have you viewed our new school website this year?</b></p>	Yes	No
1b.	<p><b>Have you downloaded the school website app?</b></p>	Yes	No
1c.	<p><b>If you have viewed the website or downloaded the app have you found the Latest News items and other information on the website beneficial?</b></p>	Yes	No
<b>Please comment:</b>			
2a.	<p><i>Over the course of the year we have offered a variety of parents' events to further inform and assist you with helping your child at school including: <b>Class Information evening at the beginning of the year, Foundation Stage Writing Workshop</b> (Shared Education event in Drumsallen), <b>Internet Safety Session</b> (Shared Education event in Killylea), <b>P7 STEM family evening</b> (Shared Education event in Our Lady's), <b>Sacramental Information evening for P4 &amp; P7 parents and P6 Transfer Information evening.</b></i></p> <p><b>Did you attend any of these events?</b></p>	Yes	No
2b.	<p><b>Did you find it/them useful?</b></p>	Yes	No
<b>Please Comment:</b>			
3a.	<p><i>We have continued to further extend our afterschool activities this year to include: gymnastics, cookery, Science and basketball.</i></p> <p><b>Has/Have your child(ren) attended any afterschool activities?</b></p>	Yes	No
3b.	<p><b>Has/Have they enjoyed the club(s)?</b></p>	Yes	No
<b>Please comment:</b>			
4.	<b>Please make any further comments or suggestions in the box below. Thanks.</b>		
<b>Signed: _____ Date: _____</b>			

Thank you for completing this short survey. Please return it to your child's teacher. ASAP.