



ST. MARY'S NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Term 1

Dear Parents,

Thank you and your families for your adherence to the social distancing measures and your cooperation in keeping our school safe during this current Covid-19 pandemic. Following our extended midterm break we have rearranged our holidays for the school year. The staff development day that was due to take place on 13th November has been moved to 25th January 2021 and the children will now be in school on 8th December. Unless notified otherwise by the Department of Education the school will close for Christmas Holidays at 12 noon on 22nd December. Children will return to school on the 7th January.

Celebrating Our Achievements

Congratulations to Abbie Coleman who won the Healthy Kidz Halloween Event

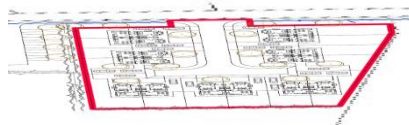
FOSM

Christmas Dinner will be served on Thursday 10th December and the FOSM are providing a fundraising festive day for the children on this day.



Ark Housing need our help to name the new development!

Ark Housing are currently working with Kelly Brothers to build a new housing scheme across the road from our school! This new development will create 14 new homes for families. Once the scheme is completed it will need a new name! They would like our help in thinking of suggestions and they will pick the top 3 to choose from. The competition closes on Wednesday 9th December. We would ask you to help the children think of place names that have a historical link or meaning to the community of Derrytrasna. The competition closes on Wednesday 9th December.



Literacy Service

The Literacy Service has published their first edition Newsletter. It focuses on spelling with lots of useful, practical ideas and resources to use at home. It also contains details on how the newsletter can be read out loud using assistive technology (Texthelp Read & Write and Immersive Reader) and provides instructions for this. Please copy and paste the link below into the Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge browser to view at home and explore this amazing new resource for Northern Ireland pupils, parents and schools.

<https://sway.office.com/GgRFD5xCBes1e2Hr?ref=Link>

Our Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher: Mr I Lavery

Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs B Chambers

Principal: Mrs McAlinden

Designated Governor: Mrs K Doherty



Many thanks to you all for your continued support