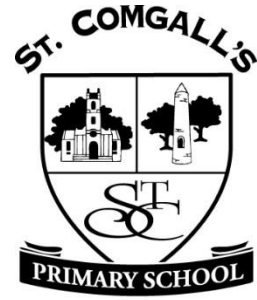


Parent Information Sheet

NOVEMBER 2018



Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of
NOVEMBER 2018.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS – P.5. P.6 & P.7

As part of our charitable work at Christmas P.5, P.6 & P.7 children will be making hampers for St. Vincent De Paul. During the months of November/December the children in P.5 – P.7 are being asked to bring in an item or two of non-perishable food stuff to add to their “class hamper”. In December these will be given to S.V.P. to help those in our own community who require support at a difficult time. Feel free to send any items you wish to contribute directly to the class hamper with your child.



As always, thank you for your help and support throughout the year.

URGENT REMINDER

Please ensure that all uniform items and coats are clearly marked with the pupil's name. This will help ensure items are returned to their owner – and avoid parents incurring unnecessary expense replacing items. Thanks!

SHOE BOXES – THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much for your Shoe boxes. This year **232** boxes were donated from school to less-fortunate people. They should be in Romania before the first week of December.

TRANSFER TEST

Wishing all our year 7 children, who have chosen to sit the Transfer Test, the best of luck.

AQE 1: Saturday 10th November
GL – Both Tests: Saturday 17th November
AQE 2: Saturday 24th November
AQE 3: Saturday 1st December

Well done to all P.7 pupils who are and are not sitting tests who have worked hard since the beginning of P.7!

Eco Bus Visit

The Eco Bus from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will visit the school on Tuesday 6th November. Our P.1 and P.6 children will receive a talk about recycling and take part in various activities.

SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

St Comgall's will be open for viewing for prospective Primary 1 parents on:

THURSDAY 6th December from 4 – 5pm and 6 – 7pm.

As always we will be involving school groups such as Choir / Year 7 guides and some children to demonstrate various aspects of school life.

If you know of anyone who wishes to come along on the night to view the school, meet the staff and children or ask questions and find out more about us, please pass on the date.

ANTI- BULLYING WEEK



“Respect ” - is the theme for this year’s anti bullying week in Northern Ireland. Under this theme we will be encouraging children and young people to think about what respect means to them, what it feels like to be respected and how they show respect to others.

We are excited and busy getting ready for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 - Monday 12th November to Friday 16th November. The children will take part in various activities in their classrooms. They will have a special assembly presented by Women’s Aid on the topic of Anti-Bullying and Respect.

FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year the Fundraising Group has changed the company used, in the hope of a better customer service. The children received order/design forms before the Halloween break, these should be returned to school on Monday 5th November along with cash in an envelope.



“Light Blue Day” Fundraising Day for Ava

Thank you all very much for your very generous contributions to our “Light Blue Day” fund-raising collection for our pupil Ava and her family. We were able to present them with the fantastic amount of £3000, which was very gratefully received, and I hope will bring them some joy and special times.

Our thoughts and prayers are continually with Ava and her family. Ava’s mum and dad wanted their sincere thanks passed to each and every person. Thank you!

P.3 & P.4 Movie – Free

On the 20th November – P.3 & P.4 will avail of “Free Movie” week and attend a screening of ‘Zoo’, which links to ‘World Around Us’ topic being covered in each year group. A permission letter will be sent home closer to the time.



STAFF TRAINING DAY

School will be closed on Monday 3rd December for Staff Training. School re-opens on Tuesday 4th December as normal.

P.5 & P.6 Dairy Council 15 November

The Dairy Council for Northern Ireland (DCNI) will visit our school on the 26th November bringing their exciting “Food and Fitness” programme to our Primary 5 and Primary 6 children.

This interactive programme will be delivered in a 45-minute session in the school hall designed to help pupils explore the concept of “Balance”. Balance within our diet, balance between the 5 food groups and also lifestyle balance, focussing on the importance of physical activity. This year’s programme has been updated to reflect the Government’s revised “Eatwell guidelines” on a balanced diet.

Christmas Gift

This year we will have our annual Christmas Jumper Day on 20th December. We are giving advance notice as it is now our tradition to make a small donation on Christmas Jumper Day INSTEAD OF BUYING school staff a Christmas gift. **Please do not buy Christmas gifts – thanks.**

Instead, children will receive - nearer the time, a small donation envelope. This year, these donations will go towards the school purchasing of some new P.E. & Playground equipment. Any donations (via envelope instead of staff gift) will be gratefully received. As always, thank you for your generosity.



Road Safety Assembly

On the 23rd November the PSNI will visit the children and give an assembly about Road Safety.



Dates for Your Diary

Please have a look below & note any date where your child(ren) will be involved in activities outside of the classroom.

Also note times/dates of meetings.

P.1	6 th November - P.1 Eco Bus Visit 8 th November - P.1B Shared Education at St. Comgall's P.1C Shared Education at Antrim Primary School 9 th November - P.1A Shared Education at Antrim Primary School 17 th December - P.1B Christmas Nativity at 9.30am 18 th December - P.1A Christmas Nativity at 9.30am 19 th December - P.1C Christmas Nativity at 9.30am
P.3	8 th & 13 th November - Shared Education – Group Activity 19 th November – Shared Education – Christmas Tree Activity 20 th November – Free Movie Day 11 th December – Panto in The Old Courthouse - (Letter has gone home.)
P.4	5 th November - P.4C Shared Education in Antrim Primary School 6 th November - P.4B Shared Education in Antrim Primary School 9 th November - P.4A Shared Education in Antrim Primary School 9 th November - P.4 Library Visit with Antrim Primary School *P.4 Parent Communion Meeting - 15 th Nov at 6.30pm in St. Joseph's Hall* Saturday 24 th November - P.4A & P.4B - Enrolment Mass Sunday 25 th November - P.4C - Enrolment Mass 20 th November – Free Movie Day
P.5	6 th /7 th /8 th November - P.5A/B/C Shared Education at St. Comgall's 13 th /14 th /15 th November - P.5A/B/C Shared Education in Castle Grounds 22 nd November - Fire Safety Talk in School Hall 27 th /28 th /29 th November - P.5A/B/C Shared Education at St. Comgall's
P.7	4 th December - Grand Opera House Panto – (Letter has gone home.)

Other Dates to be aware of:

3rd December - School Closed

5th December - Children's Christmas Dinner Day

Dear Parents,



I hope you have had a lovely Hallowe'en break.

I am writing prior to the children's return to school to forewarn you that part of our school site has now been turned into a construction site. Exciting times ahead!

The area is in the **Junior playground** – against the assembly hall wall – and between the junior and senior buildings. This area will be transformed in the next months into a new learning space – providing the school with a much-needed additional classroom and two smaller rooms. This is the building that

I have been working hard with the EA and DENI, on behalf of the Governors, to secure for the last number of years. It will be a very welcome addition to the school environment and will serve as a conjoining building for our junior and senior school.

The construction site is now fenced off and no parent or child should attempt to gain access to any part of the construction site. I will ask for your patience and support whilst we manage the build on-site. Please note the following which will help us manage safeguarding throughout.

1. There is **NO ACCESS to the junior playground via the walkway between the buildings from the back gate** (at Cabins 3 & 4 / behind Mrs McIntyre's Office) – this area has now been sealed off. Access is by going around the senior building.
2. **PLEASE DO NOT use the junior building as a thoroughfare** – ONLY ENTER the building via the single door at Mrs McIntyre's office or the door near Mrs Quinn's P2 classroom, if your children have a classroom in the building.
3. Access to all **classrooms in the Senior building** should ONLY be through the front door of the school OR through the door in the junior playground (opposite Mrs Kelly's classroom door).
4. Children going to **MOBILE classrooms should make their way AROUND the Senior Building** – accessing from Oriel Road side.

Parents – further congestion we need your HELP!!!

Please make grandparents / guardians / childcare providers aware of the new access arrangements. Please select the most appropriate car park for your drop off or pick up. As always, our site is very congested (and will be more-so during the build with work vehicles etc) and we ask again if it is possible please park off-site and walk. **Please DO NOT park at the Maxol** as this affects their business. However, if it is not possible for you to walk, please please please be patient and considerate to everyone in our school community. We MUST keep your children safe. I will forward you pick up points for the end of day, when same rules as above will apply – and as is our current safeguarding practice, no access to any building by any adult at the end of the day.

Thank you so much in advance.

J Matthews. Principal.



Pick Up Points During Building Works



Year Group/Classes	Pick Up Points
P.1	No Change to pick-up point at 1.45pm although only access is around the Senior Building.
P.2A Mrs McCaughan & P.2B Mrs Sipa	Dismissal is from the black gate at back of the school (At Mrs McIntyre's Office)
P.2C – Mrs Quinn	Same dismissal point (centre doors at Junior Building). Access only by going around the Senior Building.
P.3A – Mrs O'Donnell	Dismissal will now be from the black gate at the back of the school – near Mrs McIntyre's Office.
P.3C Mrs O'Neill	No change to dismissal point (centre doors Junior Building). Access only by going around the Senior Building.
P.3B Mr Henry	No change to dismissal point. Access only by going around the Senior Building.
P.4A Mrs O'Neill & P.4C Mrs Black	Dismissal will now be from the black gate at the back of the school – near Mrs McIntyre's Office.
P.4B Miss Flanagan	No change to current pick up point, although, walkers may have to walk around the building to get to back car park.
P.5A/B/C	No change to current pick up point, although, walkers may have to walk around the building to get to back car park.
P.6A/B/C	No change to current pick up point, although, walkers may have to walk around the building to get to back car park.
P.7A/B/C	No change to current pick up point, although, walkers may have to walk around the building to get to back car park.



Sacramental Information

Parents of children who are in sacramental classes.

Please note the dates of the sacramental meetings, services and sacraments relating to your child. This information has been agreed at Parish level, we hope you find it useful to have the dates this early in the year.

P3	Thur 17 th Jan '19	Penance Parent Meeting – 6.30pm (Parents Only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sat 2 nd Feb '19	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE - P.3B & P.3C - 6.30pm Mass	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 3 rd Feb '19	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE - P.3A - 12 noon Mass	St Comgall's Church
	THUR 11TH APRIL '19	SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE – 1.30PM	St Comgall's Church
P4	Thur 15 th Nov '18	First Communion Meeting -6.30pm (Parents only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sat 24 th Nov '18	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION - P.4A & P.4B - 6.30pm Mass	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 25 th Nov '18	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION - P.4C - 12 noon Mass	St Comgall's Church
	SAT 11TH MAY '19	SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION – 11AM	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 23 rd June '19	Corpus Christi "Do this in Memory" Masses will take place every 3 rd Sunday of the Month	St Comgall's Church
P7	Thur 24 th Jan '19	Confirmation parent meeting - 6.30pm (Parents only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sat 26 th Jan '19	Service of Commitment - P.7A & 7C - at 6.30pm Mass (Children and families.)	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 27 th Jan '19	Service of Commitment - P.7B - at 12 noon Mass (Children and families.) The Service of Light and SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION dates will be forwarded to parents as soon as the Parish is made aware of them from the Bishop's office. This normally happens late in Term 1 (Nov/Dec).	St Comgall's Church

UPDATED - St Comgall's Primary School Winter Canteen Menu

WINTER MENU	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 1 st Oct 29 th Oct 26 th Nov	SAUSAGES OR CHICKEN DRUMSTICK CHIPS BEANS OR MIXED VEGETABLES RICE PUDDING & FRUIT	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE OR SAVOURY MINCE MASHED POTATOES & CARROTS GOLDEN POPS & CUSTARD	ROAST TURKEY STUFFING CARROTS & BROCOLLI MASHED& ROAST POTATOES ICE-CREAM & FRUIT	IRISH STEW OR PIZZA MASHED POTATOES SWEETCORN APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD	FISH FINGERS MASHED POTATOES PEAS OR CHICKEN CURRY & RICE MILKSHAKE BISCUIT & FRUIT
WEEK 2 8 th Oct 5 th Nov 3 rd Dec	CHICKEN BITES SWEETCORN & CHIPS OR MACARONI CHEESE RICE PUDDING & FRUIT	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE OR TOMATO&CHEESE PIZZA POTATOES MIXED VEGETABLES CHOCOLATE CRACKNEL & CUSTARD	GAMMON MASHED & CREAMED POTATOES CABBAGE ICE-CREAM & FRUIT	BACON OR SAUSAGE, BEANS & MASHED POTATOES SPONGE & CUSTARD	CHICKEN CURRY & RICE OR SALMON FISH CAKES MASHED POTATOES & PEAS MILKSHAKE,FRUIT & BISCUIT
WEEK 3 15 th Oct 12 th Nov 10 th Dec	BBQ CHICKEN DRUMSTICK OR LASAGNE, SWEETCORN, COLESLAW & CHIPS RICE PUDDING & FRUIT	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE OR IRISH STEW SWISS ROLL & CUSTARD	ROAST CHICKEN STUFFING CARROTS & BROCOLLI MASHED& CREAMED POTATOES ICE-CREAM & FRUIT	STUFFED BACON ROLL, TURNIP OR SAUSAGES, BEANS & MASHED POTATOES CHOCOLATE & PEAR SPONGE & CUSTARD	FISH FINGERS MASHED POTATOES PEAS OR CHICKEN CURRY & RICE MILKSHAKE BISCUIT & FRUIT
WEEK 4 22 nd Oct 19 th Nov 17 th Dec	SAUSAGES OR CHICKEN BURGER, BEANS & CHIPS RICE PUDDING & FRUIT	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE OR SAVOURY MINCE POTATOES & CARROTS SPONGE & CUSTARD	ROAST BEEF MASHED & CREAMED POTATOES TURNIP ICE-CREAM & FRUIT	PIZZA MASHED POTATOES SWEETCORN OR CHICKEN PIE DATE KRISPIE & CUSTARD	CHICKEN CURRY & RICE OR FISH MASHED POTATOES PEAS BISCUIT FRUIT & MILKSHAKE

NB: Water, Milk, bread & fresh fruit served alongside every meal in exceptional circumstances menu will change at short notice