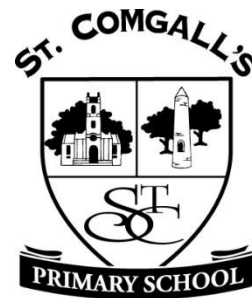


# Parent Information Sheet

## JANUARY 2019



Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of

**JANUARY 2019.**



### **P.1 APPLICATIONS**

Admissions Parent Portal went live on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 and will close at 12 midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Our school will offer a "Clinic" for Admissions on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 4 – 5pm, to assist parents with the new Admissions Procedure. Once the application has been completed online, parents must provide the school with a copy of their child's birth certificate by 12noon on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

### **SACRAMENTAL REMINDERS**

#### **ALL PARENT MEETINGS – ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL**

- P.3 - CONFESSION Meeting for Parents at 6.30PM - Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Jan**
- P.7 - CONFIRMATION Meeting for Parents at 6.30PM - Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Jan**

#### **ENROLMENT SERVICES – WEEKEND MASSES - \*CHANGE\***

**\*Due to the closure of St. Comgall's Church for renovation, the previously agreed times will be changed. New time/venue will be forwarded as soon as possible.**

**P.7 – Confirmation Date - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 1pm in St. Comgall's Church.**

### **Catholic Schools Week**

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is "Celebrating the Work of our Local Catholic Schools." The annual observance starts on the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2019 is January 27<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Unfortunately, this year due to Church closure, we will be unable to have our annual Grandparents' Mass. This will be resumed next year! Apologies.



### **Cancer Focusni**

Cancer Focus will visit all children in the school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January. They will speak to them on a variety of topics from P.1/2 – Genevieve, the Healthy Goat to P.6/7 discussing Sun Scientists and Smokebusters!

### **Possible Adverse Weather**

In advance of possible adverse weather conditions over the next few months, please be aware of the following:

- 1) Parents will be informed by text and school website if it is necessary to close the school due to adverse weather. These decisions are not taken lightly and are done so via a risk assessment for the health and safety of the whole school community – including the inability to staff the school, if teachers cannot travel to Antrim.
- 2) If you are worried about bus transport on days where weather is bad, but school is open, Please contact Translink Antrim directly, who can tell you if buses are operational on that Day. The number is 028 94 428729



### **Individual Education Plan**

If your child is currently working within an Individual Education Plan, you will be invited by the class teacher to attend a short meeting to review that plan. These meetings will take place during the week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Should you be unable to attend, a copy of the new targets for your child will be sent home to you, so you can continue to support your child, in conjunction with the school.

### **Transfer Meetings**

Year 7 parents/guardians will be invited to a meeting with Mr Matthews. The interviews will span a 3-week period, weeks beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January/28<sup>th</sup> January/4<sup>th</sup> February. This is an important meeting where your form for transfer to post-primary will be completed.

### **P.1 Parents**

In February, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> the school nurse team will be in school conducting P.1 Medical Assessments. A letter from the nurse team will be forwarded within the next few weeks. The form should be completed and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible.

## **St Comgall's Fundraising Group**



Christmas Jumpers were the order of the day to raise some money for school funds. The children had a wonderful time and the school was truly festive – every child and staff member took part. Great Fun was had by all!! We raised:

**£2,078.05**

This includes gift aid of 25% that our fundraising team have also managed to claim back! Wonderful! – Thank you all for your very generous donations!



## **Healthy Eating**

January is the beginning of new opportunities. During January our teachers will use the opportunity to re-engage all our children in healthy eating and healthy lunch-box choices. They can't do this alone- they need your help. As this is part of our strategic development work, we would ask you to consider what you give for morning break. A healthy choice would be great. As we move through this term, there will be an increased focus on healthy break choices – so time to get thinking! Thanks



**Reminders: Mid-Term Break Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (Inclusive)**

## **New Year's Resolution for 2019 (same as 2018.....)**

You are all aware, we are a hardworking and busy school. As a result, we are asking all pupils and parents to make a New Year resolution of "Being prepared for school". It is very time consuming for staff and disruptive for pupils when children and parents do things like; forget dinner money, school bags, PE gear, reply slips, change home-time arrangements or collection arrangements etc. We also find that despite trying to ensure we give all parents important information by various forms of correspondence e.g. Parent Information Sheet, School Website, texts, emails and letters, many parents are calling school to ask for details already given. To assist our smooth running, and to assist your child(ren), we would ask you to consider making the resolution above. Thank you!

## **Year 7 Open Nights for Transferring Children**

January is a busy time for Open Days/Nights for Post Primary Schools. If your child is year 6 or 7 you may wish to visit those schools. Times and dates will be available on individual school website or will be contained within the admissions information on the EA website.

## St Comgall's Primary School Winter Canteen Menu Updated

WINTER MENU	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK1</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	SAUSAGES OR CHICKENDRUMSTICK 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 SAUSAGES MASHED POTATOES BEANS  APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD	FISH FINGERS MASHED POTATOES PEAS OR CHICKEN CURRY & RICE  MILKSHAKE BISCUIT & FRUIT
<b>WEEK 2</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	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 & TURNIP OR SAUSAGES MASHED POTATOES BEANS  SPONGE & CUSTARD	CHICKEN CURRY & RICE OR SALMON FISH CAKES MASHED POTATOES & PEAS  MILKSHAKE,FRUIT & BISCUIT
<b>WEEK 3</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	SAUSAGES OR CHICKEN DRUMSTICK CHIPS BEANS OR SWEETCORN  RICE PUDDING & FRUIT	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE OR MINCE CARROTS & POTATOES  SWISS ROLL & CUSTARD	ROAST CHICKEN STUFFING CARROTS & BROCOLLI MASHED& CREAMED POTATOES  ICE-CREAM & FRUIT	STUFFED BACON ROLL OR PIZZA MASHED POTATOES BEANS  CHOCOLATE & PEAR SPONGE & CUSTARD	FISH FINGERS MASHED POTATOES PEAS OR CHICKEN CURRY & RICE  MILKSHAKE BISCUIT & FRUIT
<b>WEEK 4</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan -1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> Mar 25-29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	STEAK BURGER OR CHICKEN BURGER MIXED VEGETABLES CHIPS  RICE PUDDING & FRUIT	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE OR SAVOURY MINCE POTATOES & CARROTS  SPONGE & CUSTARD	ROAST BEEF MASHED & CREAMED POTATOES TURNIP  ICE-CREAM & FRUIT	PIZZA OR CHICKEN PIE MASHED POTATOES SWEETCORN  DATE KRISPIE & CUSTARD	CHICKEN CURRY & RICE OR FISH MASHED POTATOES PEAS  BISCUIT FRUIT & MILKSHAKE

[Valentine's Special - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Details to Follow](#)

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