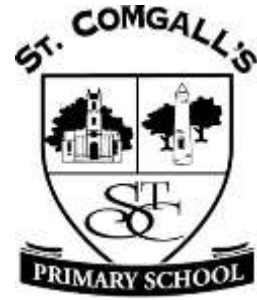


Parent Information Sheet

JANUARY 2020



Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of
JANUARY 2020.



P.1 APPLICATIONS

Admissions Parent Portal opens on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 12noon and will close at 12 noon on 30th January 2020. Once the application has been completed online, parents must provide the school with a copy of their child's birth certificate by 12noon on 7th February.

Admissions Parent Portal found of EA Website www.eani.org.uk

SACRAMENTAL REMINDERS

ALL PARENT MEETINGS – ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL

P.3 - CONFESSION Meeting for Parents at 6.30PM - Thurs 30th Jan '20

P.7 - CONFIRMATION Meeting for Parents at 6.30PM - Thur 23rd Jan '20

Catholic Schools Week

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2020 is "Living in Harmony with God's Creation." The annual observance starts on the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2020 is January 26th – 2nd February.

Our annual Grandparents' Mass will be held on Wednesday 29th January 2020.



**Reminders: Mid-Term Break Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
(Inclusive)**

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 20th January 2020. 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 2-week period, weeks beginning 27th January & 3rd February. This is an important meeting where your form for transfer to post-primary will be completed.

P.1 Parents

In February, from 11th to 14th 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 – Thank you!

On Thursday 19th December Christmas Jumpers were the order of the day to raise money for Cancer Fund for Children NI & 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:



£1,549.00



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



New Year's Resolution for 2020

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.

Morning Safeguarding

Thank you to everyone who continue to support us in how we keep your children safe.

The morning safeguarding routines that went into place following the Halloween break have been a huge success for our children! They are independent and happy coming into school. Corridors are quiet and calm and best of all – our children begin their learning at 9am (this was not always possible before!) Your children are really benefiting.

If, however on occasion, you feel you would still like to chat to the teacher – pop a note in the homework diary or book bag and the teacher can contact you. Alternatively, contact the office and an appointment can be agreed.

Sacramental Information for Parents

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	Thurs 30 th Jan '20	Penance Parent Meeting – 6.30pm (Parents Only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sun 2 nd Feb '20	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE - P.3B & P.3C – 9.00am Mass	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 2 nd Feb '20	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE - P.3A - 12 noon Mass	St Comgall's Church
	THUR 26TH MAR '20	SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE – 1.30PM	St Comgall's Church
P4	SAT 2ND MAY '20	SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION – 11AM	St Comgall's Church
	SUN 14TH JUN '20	Corpus Christi "Do this in Memory" Masses will take place every First Sunday of the Month	
P7	Thur 23 rd Jan '20	Confirmation parent meeting - 6.30pm (Parents only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sun 9 th Feb '20	Service of Commitment - P.7A & 7C - at 9.00am Mass (Children and families.)	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 9 th Feb '20	Service of Commitment - P.7B - at 12 noon Mass (Children and families.)	St Comgall's Church
	Wed 25 th Mar '20	Service of Light at 7pm	St Comgall's Church
	FRI 3RD APRIL '20	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – 1PM	St. Joseph's Church