

St. John's Primary School - Newsletter

8th January 2024

WELCOME BACK!

We extend a warm welcome back to all our pupils after the Christmas break.

P5 – SWIMMING

The P5 children will commence swimming lessons on **Friday 12th January**. Please remember to bring swimming gear to school!

FRENCH LESSONS

French lessons with Mrs Daly will commence on **Thursday 11th January for P5, P6 & P7**.

POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS – VISITS TO ST. JOHN'S AND ADMISSIONS DATES

Staff from several local post primary schools are visiting the school this week to speak to our P6 and P7 classes about the transition to post primary school. The P7 girls have also been invited to St. Catherine's Taster Day on **Thursday 11th January**. *(Please note permission slips must be completed for this trip.)*

The online applications via EA CONNECT for admissions to Year 8 September 2024 will open on **Tuesday 30th January @12 noon and close on Thursday 22nd February @12noon**. The admissions criteria for the post primary schools will be published on the EA's website on **Thursday 11th January**. To find out about the post primary admissions process, please visit <https://www.eani.org.uk/admissions>.

ST. MARY'S STUDENTS

On **Monday 15th January** we will welcome Meabh Rice and Ciara Campbell who will be completing a 10-week teaching practice placement with the P3 and P7 classes.

DINNER MENU (8th Jan -12th Feb)

The dinner menu can be accessed on the school website under the PARENTS tab.

INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION – POSSIBLE FULL DAY CLOSURE

As you may already be aware, all the teaching unions in Northern Ireland have called for a full day of industrial strike action on **Thursday 18th January**. If this directive continues and as all our teachers will be involved, **the school will be closed for all pupils on this day**.

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ADMISSIONS TO P1 – SEPTEMBER 2024

If you have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2024 the online applications will open on EA CONNECT from **12 noon on Tuesday 9th January 2024 and will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 26th January 2024** . Please note a **copy** of your child's birth certificate must also be submitted with the application.

To find out about the process of completing a digital application please visit <https://www.eani.org.uk/admissions> and review the posters below.

