



# NEWSLETTER

**Principal's welcome for the 2012-13 Year...** All our pupils, especially the new pupils, are very welcome to our school. I hope they will have a very enjoyable time at St. Mary's. The beginning of the new school year Mass will take place on **Tuesday, 25th September at 11.30 am**. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend - Junior Infant and Senior Infant classes will not attend.

## Notice to Parents/Guardians

Please communicate messages to the class teacher in the school diary. If Parents/guardians wish to meet the class teacher, please arrange an appointment through the school office.



Parents, please be vigilant and slow down when dropping off and picking up children at the school. Use both onsite pedestrian crossings at all times and remember the Church Car Park may also be used, just outside the back gate.

Please observe the **'No Smoking'** and **'No Dogs'** signs around the school.

Please ensure that you have an up to date contact mobile no for the text a parent system.

## Credit Union -

### Saving in the school.

A staff member from the Credit Union will attend the school every Tuesday from **Tuesday, 2nd October**.



Children from second class upwards will have the opportunity to open a Credit Union account or make a lodgement to an existing account. To open an account the child will need: a copy of his/her birth certificate and note of P.P.S. no (which can be photocopied from the school files with parents permission). The aim is to get children interested in saving, the minimum a child can lodge is €2.

## School Calendar:

**October:** The school will close at 3.10pm on Friday 26th for the Halloween break.

**November:** The school will reopen on Monday, 5th.

**December** The school will close on Friday, 21st at 12.30pm. for Christmas holidays.

## School Jackets

School jackets are available from the school office. These Regatta jackets are very good quality and parents are happy with the price at €25. Please contact the school office to see samples. There are still some hurling helmets @ €30 available from the office

## Board of Management Note

School begins at 9.30am every morning and ends at 3.10 pm every afternoon. The school will not be responsible for children outside school hours.

**Don't put away your black n Amber yet!!!**

Children can wear their county colours **AGAIN** on Friday, 28th.

**COME ON THE CATS.... LETS DO IT THIS TIME!!!**

## Team Hope - Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The school will take part in the Christmas shoebox appeal - children Christmas wrap and fill a shoebox with little items to make Christmas time a little more enjoyable for children less well off. leaflets will be distributed in the next few weeks.

**Art/Craft & Photocopying** - There are still some outstanding amounts due on art/craft and photocopying. Payment would be much appreciated.

School Website: **www.stmarysttown.com**

**Our Per Cent for Art Piece is progressing well. We hope to have it installed by the end of October.**

## School Football Leagues:

The Gaelic Football leagues for the boys and girls have now started and the matches are played during lunch time. There are five boys teams and five girls teams taking part. The Inter - School Football leagues are also underway.

## Parents' Association

### Election of class representatives for Junior Infants.

Each class in the school is represented by a parent on the Parents' Association. Information forms will be sent to the Junior Infant parents in the next few days which will start the process of electing one parent from each of the classes. The Parents' Association hold their meeting once per month and play a meaningful role in supporting the aims and objectives of the school.

**PENS:** Non-smudge pens suitable for left handed writers are now available from the office at €1 each.