



St. Colman's Primary School
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Progress Through Partnership, Leading To Excellence



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Vision statement: To be an inclusive, caring School where childhood and community are valued; one which inspires learning for life and develops the personal qualities needed to succeed in a rapidly changing world. This vision will be best realised as we undergo a continual journey of **progress through partnership, leading to excellence.**

October Update

Growth Mindset at St Colman's P.S.

Having been introduced to the concept of Growth Mindset pupils have participated in activities to learn more about it and try to display a Growth Mindset in school (and at home). Pupils are taught how their brains work and how new connections are formed when we try new things and practice them, over and over again. We have learned about habits and what we need to do to overcome our less useful habits. We have had assemblies about Growth Mindset, but most importantly, teachers and pupils have embraced the language and the way of thinking that promotes using a Growth Mindset in lessons.

Breakfast Club

Continues to be a huge hit with our children and is the perfect start to the school day.

Single child: £1.00

Two or more children from the same family: £2.00

ASC - Fee £2.00/day for each child.
(NURSERY – P3 1.45pm – 2.35pm)

EASC (NURSERY – P7 2.35pm-6pm) - Fee £10 per session (2.35pm up to 6pm)/6 per ½ session (2.35pm up to 4pm.)

Some key aspects of Growth Mindset

- *It's always OK to make mistakes - we learn from them*
- *Never give up! We try a different approach, or use a different strategy*
- *Learn from each other*
- *Challenge yourself - which really helps you make progress*
- *Take risks - don't limit yourself by taking the easy option*
- *Remember that mastering something new feels so much better than doing something you can already do*
- *Remember that the brain is making new connections all the time - the only thing you need to know is that you can learn anything!*



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I have a **GROWTH MINDSET!**



P7 Literacy and Numeracy Booster

Afterschool classes will now continue as per dates on the website calendar/app. Cormac Venney will be running his workshop this year with all of P7 on Monday 14th October.

Parental Curriculum Engagement Meetings

Our Curriculum meetings have been well attended and worthwhile for both parents and teachers' as we work together in partnership. They will continue in the first part of this month.

P3 - Mrs McMahon Wednesday 3rd October (1.45-2.35)

P2 - Mrs McCann Wednesday 3rd October (1.45-2.35)

1-2-1 Parent teacher meetings will take place early in Term2.



New School Playground



School Council

Congratulations to all those that took part in our school elections this year. Our elected council is as follows;

P3 - Anna McGrath, Eva McAvoy, Dominic McGrath and Jarlath Morgan

P4 - Holly Harrison, Laiden McArdle, Annie McAleenan and Lily Green

P5 - Anna Wallace, Eoin Malone, Olivia Doyle and Lorcan Wallace

P6 - Ella-Rose Malone, Katriona McAvoy, Finn Fegan and Alana McGivern

P7 - Clare McGivern, Darragh Joyce, Kevin McGivern, Ellie-Kate Walker, Aoibhin Pyers, Aoife McNeill, Ava Cahill and Roise NicMhurchaidh

Opening School Year Mass

Our mass will be celebrated by Canon Kearney on **Friday 18th October at 1000**. All are welcome.

Swimming

Swimming begins for P7 on Thursday 17th October.



Library Van - (P2 to P4)

The van will be visiting the school on both the 7th and 21st of this month.



Please contact Mrs Dale in the office to see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals.

Did you know that each child on the register for FSM can add almost **£700** to the schools' annual budget from DE. So even if you don't avail of it every day, you can still make a significant difference to your school and the quality of learning on offer just by filling out a form and testing for eligibility.



Halloween Dress Up

Children will have the opportunity this year to dress up in costume and character on October 25th.

Christmas Performances - early heads up!

FS/KS1 Carol Service Tuesday 10th December at 1900 (chapel)

NU Nativity Play Wednesday 11th December at 1000 (in school)

KS2 Nativity Performance Thursday 12th December at 1900 (chapel)

Safeguarding

Please reinforce the **STRANGER DANGER** message with your children and remind them to be careful as they walk on the footpath/roads as we move into the longer evenings.

School Safeguarding Children Team

Designated Teacher for Child Protection: **Mrs A Morgan**

Deputy Designated Teacher NU: **Mrs A Hanna**

Deputy Designated Teachers: **Mrs C Burns/Mrs E McCann**

Governor for Child Protection: **Mrs C Morgan**



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Drop Offs/Pick Ups

As a courtesy to ALL patrons can we remind everyone of the parking rules that are in place to ensure the safety of our children.

- No parking at school gates or double parking on road to drop children.
- All cars to be parked on school side.
- No parking on the pavement.

Our School Values

Each month this year we will be taking one of our school values and using it as a focus for our Pastoral Assemblies each morning. In September we looked at *kindness* and in the month of October it is *resilience (Growth Mindset)*. Below is the values calendar for the year ahead.

Values Calendar for 2019-20

September	Kindness/Thoughtfulness
October	Resilience
November	Respect
December	Happiness
January	Collaboration
February	Honesty
March	Tolerance
April	Perseverance
May	Responsibility
June	Appreciation



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School Topics 2019/2020

	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3
Primary 1	Nursery Rhymes & All About Me	Light and Dark	Dinosaurs	Spring	Holidays
Primary 2	Discovering Me	Space	Clothes	Birds	Where I Live
Primary 3	All Around Us	Winter	Birds	Clothes	Pirates
Primary 4	Rescue At Sea	Weather	Castles	Recycling	Minibeasts
Primary 5	Egyptians (i)	Electricity	Food	Birds	Olympics
Primary 6	Egyptians (ii)	Colour/Light and Christmas Around The World	Extreme Weather	Rainforests	Eco Warriors
Primary 7	Water	Titanic	Victorians	Bridges	Confirmation and Transition

Shared Education

Children will renew their Shared Education partnerships with Fairhill PS over the next few weeks. Our 5th year working together in tandem, in order to create a brighter future for our children .



St. Colman's Primary School and All Saints' School App

Available for download from both iTunes and Google play. Schools NI gives you the latest News, Galleries and Events from our school and nursery. If you haven't already, **please make sure you download to your device today** and allow for school notifications.



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October 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1. *P3 FULL DAY*	2. P2 & P3 Parents Curriculum Meeting 1345 - 1435 *P3 FULL DAY*	3. P6 SWIMMING P6 ASSEMBLY *P3 FULL DAY*	4.
7. P7 Booster 1435 - 1630 LIBRARY VAN	8.	9.	10.	11.
14. No P7 Booster. P7 Cormac Venney Workshop	15.	16.	17. P4 ASSEMBLY P7 SWIMMING	18. OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MASS - 1000
21. P7 Booster 1435 - 1600 LIBRARY VAN	22.	23. Nursery - PTM	24. P2 ASSEMBLY P7 SWIMMING	25. HALLOWEEN DRESS UP
28. SCHOOL CLOSED	29. SCHOOL CLOSED	30. SCHOOL CLOSED	31. SCHOOL CLOSED	1. SCHOOL CLOSED
4. P7 Booster 1435 - 1600	5.	6. P7 Mock Transfer Tests	7. P7 SWIMMING	8.

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