

**School Information for Parents/Guardians**

**Monday 7 February 2022**

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**Sacrament Dates 2022**

**Penance** Thursday 24 March (Year 3) 10.30 am

**Holy Communion** Saturday 28 May (Year 4) 10.30 am

**Confirmation** Wednesday 8 June (Year 7) 10.30 am

(Depending on restrictions may require a second Service due to large class)

**Monday 7 February**

* Breakfast Club open every day 8.00 – 9.00 am
* After School Club open every day 2.00 - 5.30pm
* Dinner menu Week 2

**Tuesday 8 February**

* Safer Internet Day 2022
* Singing tutor in
* Swimming Year 6 & CB

**Wednesday 9 February**

* Violin tutor in
* Year 5 Basketball 9.30 – 10.30 am (£7.50 for a 5-week programme)

**Thursday 10 February**

* Guitar tutor in

**Friday 11 February**

* Piano tutor in
* Girls’ Hockey Blitz (morning)
* Principal Awards
* Mid-Term Break - Monday 14th – Friday 18th February (inclusive)

**Up and coming information & dates for your Diary**

* St Patrick’s Day Holiday Thursday 17th March & Friday 18th March
* Easter Break Friday 15th April – Friday 22nd April (inclusive)

Have a very enjoyable weekend and thanks for your continued support.

Mr K O’Neill Principal

**St Brigid’s Primary School – Castle Street – Ballymoney – BT53 6JX – 028 27662664**

**Post Primary Transfer 2022**

**Reminder:**

**The application process for P7 children transferring to post-primary school in September 2022 opened on Tuesday 1 February.**

**You can apply online via the EA website** [**www.eani.org.uk**](http://www.eani.org.uk) **between 12.00 noon on Tuesday 1 February 2022 and 4 pm on Wednesday 23 February 2022.**

**Support and Digital Assistance**

Digital applications are once again strongly encouraged this year. Parents who require digital assistance are being supported by EA staff with the help of interpreters where necessary. Please use the contact details below for more information and assistance.

**The Admissions Helpdesk will operate from 8am to 6pm Monday to Thursday and from 8am to 5pm on Friday until the application window closes on 23 February via telephone: 028 9598 5595 and Email: postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk**

If you require any assistance or advice, please feel free to contact me on 028 27662664 or via email [koneill580@c2kni.net](mailto:koneill580@c2kni.net) and I will contact you to talk you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

**Admissions Criteria**

The Admissions Criteria for all post-primary schools is now accessible on the website at: <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/search-admissions-criteria>

and I would encourage you to take time to read the criteria for all schools you are considering listing as a preference in preparation for completing the application for your child.

If you have a query about the published admissions criteria for any school, you can contact the post-primary school directly.

**Key information leaflet to parents**

I sent a text with a link for your attention that will take you to a copy of an information leaflet, ‘*Applying for a Post-Primary School Place’*. This leaflet is also available on the EA website.

**Promotional Video**

A promotional video for parents informing you of the online application process and outlining key messages is available. The video can be viewed with subtitles in six alternative languages and sign language at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/admissions-videos-and-guidance>

**Pupil Absence**

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on the first day of absence, give the reason for absence and possible duration.

Thank you

**NUT AWARE SCHOOL**

St Brigid’s PS is a Nut Aware School. There is a child in our school with a Nut Allergy.

Please do not send in Nuts or Nut Spreads to school.

**COVID-19**

**Reporting Positive Cases**

If there are any COVID-19 positive tests for any of the children, please let the school know via email @

[info@stbrigidsps.ballymoney.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stbrigidsps.ballymoney.ni.sch.uk)

or by phoning the school after 8.30 am

028 27662664

**Pupil Close Contact**

If any pupil is a close contact, they can continue to attend school but must return a negative Lateral Flow Test result each day before school. Please take the Lateral Flow Test at least half an hour before school. If Lateral Flow Tests are not taken – pupils should continue to isolate.

Please scan the QR code below for information on **using lateral flow testing and potentially ending self-isolation early or view the flowchart on the school website.**

