St Mary's School, Kells

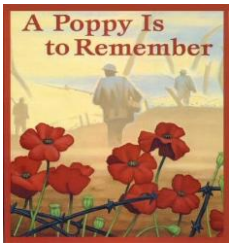
NOVEMBER

Term Dates -Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 18th December '26

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Prayer of the Month

Dear Lord,
We will wear a poppy on Remembrance Day,
And at eleven, we will stand and pray.
That the wreaths we put upon the graves,
Will help us remember our soldiers brave. Amen.



CAFOD Sponsored Events

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children with their challenges for CAFOD on Friday 23rd October. Please return forms and money by Friday 6th November, so that we can work out our total raised and donate it to the charity as soon as possible.

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Samaritan's Purse – Shoe Box Appeal

Information leaflets have been sent home for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal and we would be grateful for either filled shoeboxes or donations of items, which we can use to fill boxes at school.
Completed shoeboxes need to be ready for collection from St Mary's School by **Friday 6th November**. Thank you for your help.

Parent & Child After School Club

Parents are invited to join their children every Monday at school for a hot drink, games and crafts until 4.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come along, take part in the activities and save an hour's gas and electricity at home!

Earrings

Children can wear earrings at school except on PE days, when they need to be removed at home. Only a small pair of studs are allowed, no hoops or anything that hangs down below the ear.

Remembrance

Year 6 celebration assembly on Friday 6th November at 2.30 p.m. will be on the theme of remembrance. Everyone welcome.

Wrap Around Care

Please use the QR code to book before or after school wrap around care places.
Breakfast Care provision is €3.50 /session. After School Care provision is €5.00 /session.
Charges include either breakfast or a teatime snack.
Bookings should be made by 3 p.m. on the Friday of the week prior to the sessions required and all payments need to be made in advance using a ParentPay account.

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CAR PARK

Now that the days are shorter, please walk/drive safely on the church car park.
We would be grateful if cars are only parked in the designated spaces. Please don't park in the disabled bays unless you hold a blue badge or in front of the school gate, no matter how busy or wet it is, as access is required.

Open Evenings

Parents will have the opportunity to meet class teachers on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November (10th & 11th for Year 5) from 3.20 p.m. -- 5.30 p.m.
Please choose and book your appointments using the Arbor app. Arbor instructions can be found on our school website under the Parents – Useful Information tabs.

Packed Lunches

Please remember that packets of nuts, cereal bars or chocolate such as Snickers should not be eaten in school and products containing peanut butter/ Nutella need to be avoided in packed lunches, due to pupils with food allergies.
We would also be grateful if parents could limit the number of biscuits/chocolate bars in packed lunches to one item per day. Thank you.
Some healthy packed lunches ideas can be found using this link:
https://www.schoolfoodmatters.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/Packed%20lunch%20guidance_0.pdf

Dropping Off & Collecting Children

EYFS and KS1 pupils need to be brought to the playground gate every morning and collected from staff at the end of the day. Please don't drop them off in the car park – it's very busy!

Also, a reminder that school staff need to be informed if children are going to be collected by someone other than the usual parent or guardian. If we have not been notified about a change, we need to contact a parent/carer before allowing the child to be taken by someone different.

Pupils attending after school clubs need to be collected promptly at 4 p.m. by an adult.

Uniform

Please make sure that names are in all items of school uniform – clothes are being taken home by mistake and it's very difficult to return items if they haven't been labelled. Thank you.

Christmas Dates

We will do our best not to make changes!

EYFS Nativity –	Thursday 10th December at 10 a.m.
	Friday 11th December at 10 a.m.
KS 1 Nativity –	Monday 14th December at 10 a.m.
	Tuesday 15th December at 2 p.m.
KS 2 Carol Service -	Monday 14th December at 2 p.m.
	Monday 14th December at 6 p.m.
	Tuesday 15th December at 10 a.m.
Christmas Lunch -	Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Party Day -	Thursday 17th December
Christmas Jumper Day -	Friday 18th December
END OF TERM –	Friday 18th December at 1.10 p.m.



New Term Starts on Tuesday 5th January 2027