



Welcome to  
St. Mary's P.S.



# Preparing your Child

- Make your child aware of books and read together
- Talk about colours
- Count and say number rhymes
- Say Nursery Rhymes together
- Encourage them to recognise their own name

## Three Blind Mice

Three blind mice, Three blind mice,  
See how they run, See how they run,  
They all ran after the farmer's wife,  
They told her "thank you" for saving their life,  
Did you ever see someone acting so nice  
As three blind mice?



# How to help your Child

Your child can make a positive start in school if they are able to:

Put on and take off their own coat

Take off and put on their own shoes

- Go to the toilet and wash and dry their hands
- Eat their lunch or dinner without help
- Recognise his/her own belongings
- Blow/wipe their own nose



# Reading with them

<https://www.librariesni.org.uk/>



- Keep it fun
- Read different stories
- Repeat favourite ones
- Read every day!

# Settling in

September will be a 'getting to know you time!'

We will be concentrating on getting the daily routine established.

- Activity based learning
- Whole group story
- Break and later lunch time routine
- Language and Literacy – phonological awareness
- Mathematics and Numeracy

# Learning Areas in P.1.

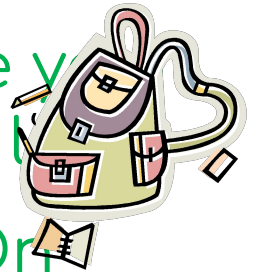
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- The Arts: Music, Art and Drama
- World Around Us - Geography, History & Science
- Personal Development & Mutual Understanding
- Physical Development





# Please make sure your child has...

- A P.E. uniform - Wednesday is PE day, please come to school dressed for P.E.
- Name labels on ALL belongings – make sure your child recognises their name and symbol on them.  
Name Labels For School Clothes. Stick On  
Name Labels For ...
- A box of tissues - we go through a lot of them!
- A Pair of labelled wellingtons - these will stay in school for outdoor learning on Thursday & Friday.



# Healthy Snack

The school operates a Healthy Break Policy

Children can eat the following at break time:

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Bread Based Products
- Yogurts
- Drinks should be milk or water



Please send snack in a lunch box - again have it clearly labelled



# Uniform

## Girls

Navy skirt, light blue polo shirt, school navy sweatshirt, navy socks or navy tights, black shoes. (velcro fastening)

Blue Gingham summer dresses can be worn in the Summer term

## Boys

Navy trousers, light blue polo shirt, navy school sweatshirt and black shoes (Velcro fastening only)

# Class Dojo



We use Class Dojo as a communication App

We will post images of your child's learning to their private portfolio and to the class page

We will also send school messages via this App as we now keep paper based communication to a minimum

Please ensure your mobile number is correct as we will contact you to start the class Dojo page before the school term starts

You can also private message the class teacher to inform them of any sickness/queries etc.

# Your Information

- Please return data collection forms to school before school term commences. Either leave them into the school porch - paper based or photograph and send via email to [mhamill472@c2kni.net](mailto:mhamill472@c2kni.net)
- Please read the policies included in your Welcome Pack
- Do get in touch if you have any queries, medical, Special Educational Needs or information that needs to be passed onto us.
- Please keep a check on the school website [www.stmarysstewartstown.org.uk](http://www.stmarysstewartstown.org.uk) for up dates over the summer months

Enjoy your summer and we really do  
look forward to welcoming your  
child to our school family in  
September.

If you have any questions please do  
not hesitate to contact us

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