



ST MARY'S PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION NEWS LETTER

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FOR PARENTS

HERE TO SAVE THE DAY!

10 OCTOBER 2016

DROP IN MORNING

We've been **EXCITED** to see people walk through the doors at our Drop In Mornings!! We know these things are not easy ... especially if you are unsure or don't know anyone!! But that is the very **REASON** why we are doing this. We recognise that in the hustle and bustle of school pick-ups and drop offs we don't get the chance to say hello and make connections. These mornings are very **INFORMAL** and relaxed. Our only agenda is to make our school community the best we can, and that can only happen by working together. We all have the best interests of our children at the heart of everything we do!!

Your continued support is very much appreciated. Please don't forget to spread the word.



growing in 'likes' for our PTA Page. We would **LOVE** to see more of you interact with us through Facebook. We would be grateful if you would invite your friends to like our page **St Mary's PTA Banbridge**.

Like

If you have any ideas or suggestions for any future events, please send us a wee message on the facebook page. Don't be **SHY**.

We are always looking for new members. If you feel you would like to be part of the PTA please get in touch. We are grateful for anytime or interest you may have to spare. Please speak to any member of the PTA Team or get in touch through **St. Mary's PTA Banbridge Facebook Page**.



PTA EVENTS

We have **LOTS** of exciting, fun and family events planned for the next few months. Here are some dates for your diary:

PINK DAY COFFEE MORNING



Monday 10th of **OCTOBER** at our 'Drop In' Morning. St. Therese's Parish Centre - 9am - 10am

TREASURE HUNT



Sunday 23rd of **OCTOBER** on school grounds. Details to be confirmed.

HALLOWEEN DISCO



Friday 28th of **OCTOBER** in School Hall. Times and details to be confirmed.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Saturday 3rd of **DECEMBER**. We will reveal more about this event nearer the time.

Keep up to-date with these and future events by checking our Facebook Page

THAI PUMPKIN SOUP A SPOOKILY WONDERFUL WAY OF USING PUMPKINS

INGREDIENTS

- 2lbs pumpkin flesh
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1oz butter
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 2 inches ginger grated
- 1 tsp chilli sauce
- 14oz tin chopped tomatoes
- 1pt chicken stock
- Salt and pepper

- 1pt coconut milk
- 1tbsp of coriander or parsley
- 1 red chilli and 1 green chilli deseeded

METHOD

Remove all the seeds from the pumpkin and chop the flesh coarsely. Heat the oil and butter in a large pan. Add the onion, ginger and chillies and cook for 5 mins, Add the pumpkin flesh and stir well, leave to simmer for 10 mins. Add tomatoes and cook for 5 mins. Add chicken stock, season with salt and pepper. Cook for a further 45 mins. Remove the soup from heat and allow to cool slightly. Pour soup into blender and blitz until it reaches the consistency you prefer. Return the soup to the saucepan, add coconut milk and cook for a further 7 mins. Garnish with the herbs and slices of chilli.

ENJOY

HALLOWEEN PARTY GAMES

TOILET PAPER MUMMY

Divide the kids/adults into groups of 3 or 4. Each team has a role of toilet paper and they must cover a team mate from top to toe in toilet roll. The most covered mummy wins!!!

SPIDER HUNT Buy some plastic spiders and hide 5 or 10 spiders in a room throughout the house. Give the kids a bucket to collect spiders and away they go!!!

PIN THE SPIDER ON THE WEB Draw out a simple web on a sheet of paper and stick to the wall. Using some cardboard cut out some spider shapes. Get the kids to colour them in and then put double sided sticky tape on the back. Blindfold each child and away you go!!

ARMAGH CITY BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL EVENTS

AUTUMN ARTS CRAFT FAIR

Sat 22 Oct 10.30am-4.30pm
Solitude Park, Banbridge
The annual craft fair will showcase the best in local and national crafts and food.

SPOOKTACULAR

Tues 25 Oct 5.30pm-9.30pm
Portadown People's Park
A monster evening of fun with music, face painting, balloon modelling and more!

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN

Wed 26 Oct noon-4.00pm
Armagh Country Museum
Discover the myths surrounding Halloween and enjoy crafts, trails and competitions.

HALLOWEEN FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Thurs 27 Oct 5.00pm-9.00pm
Rushmere/Craigavon Lakes
Enjoy activities in Rushmere followed by spectacular fireworks at the lakes.

HALLOWEEN OUTDOOR CINEMA

Fri 28 Oct 6.00pm-8.00pm
Portadown People's Park

HALLOWEEN AT NAVAN

28-31 Oct Various Times
Navan Centre and Fort
Spooky activities to suit all ages!

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN & ENJOY
THE MID-TERM BREAK FROM
ALL AT ST MARY'S PTA
BANBRIDGE**