



# December Newsletter 2016



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## Dear Parents/Guardians

This newsletter is packed with information you need to know about our Christmas arrangements and activities. Please keep it and make a note of the dates and times. You can also access the information on the school website.

### Christmas Show-Save the Date!

We are already busy preparing for Christmas here in school. The boys and girls have been learning all the songs and lines for our **Christmas Show-The Magical Christmas Jigsaw**. They are very excited and looking forward to presenting it to you on the following dates:

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December-Matinee Show at 1.15pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December-Evening Show at 6pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December -Evening Show at 6pm

The children will perform at all 3 performances. Let us know if your child can't make any of the shows.

### Tickets

Tickets (£2) for the show will be available from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** using the following options:

- Send money into school in a sealed envelope with information clearly marked and tickets will be sent out to you.
- Tickets will be on sale at the P1/P2 reception area from 8.30am-9.10am daily OR
- Call to the office to buy tickets from Shauna

Tickets will be entered into a prize draw which will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall at 1.30pm.

### Costumes

Staff will be in contact if the children need costumes. This show is designed to make use of clothing that children will have at home. It is hoped that this will avoid unnecessary costs.

I would encourage you to contact me if you have queries about any aspect of the Christmas Show. We really do not want anyone to be worrying about costumes, tickets or pick up times.

It is our intention that everyone will be able to join us and enjoy the whole experience.

The money raised from the tickets will be added to school funds and used for the children throughout the year.

We hope you will encourage family and friends to come along and enjoy the performances too.

## Playgroup Christmas Show

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45 am in the school hall.

## Reminder

There will be no after school clubs until January. Club information will be sent out again in January.

## Reminder-Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas dinner will be served in school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## Non-uniform-Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper or anything sparkly/Christmassy to school on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## Breakfast Club

The breakfast club will run right through to the end of term.

## P1 Applications

Applications for P1 in September 2017 are now available from the school office.

The children in the playgroup have already received these forms but if you know of any other children in the area who might be starting P1 in September 2017 please let them know.

**All forms are to be returned by 12 noon on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Christmas News**

This year every class in the school is putting together a hamper to raffle before Christmas. The teachers are organising this and the children have been brainstorming ideas for their class hamper.

Every child will be asked to bring in 1 item to contribute to making a real impressive hamper. Well Done boys and girls!

The draw for these hampers will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm in the school hall. All welcome.

### **Sponsors**

If there are any parents who would be willing to sponsor prizes for our Christmas raffle, please get in touch. Thank you in advance.

### **So what's happening and when?**

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

P7 girls to St Mary's College to see 'Annie' Enjoy girls!!

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

P5 to Gaelic Blitz-Foyle Arena

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

P7 Gaelic team- Foyle Arena for Gaelic Blitz

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

P7 girls go to St Cecilia's College for Christmas workshops

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

P4-P7 children will attend Mass to celebrate The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

#### **Verbal Arts P3 Literacy Workshops**

will take place in school on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### **PTA**

Thanks to our parents who have put their names forward for our PTA. We would like to invite you to come along to the school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15 am to meet with us. This will be an informal gathering and we look forward to seeing you there.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to building a strong team together. Anyone else who might be interested please leave your name in the office.

Even if you feel you may not be available for every meeting we would still love you to join us.

### **Save the Dates!!**

#### **Parish Carol Service**

St Columb's Church, Chapel Road on 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm (no mass)

#### **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in St Columb's Church, Chapel Road.

#### **First Communion**

The Sacrament of First Communion will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 11.30 am in St Columb's Church.

### **Website**

Keep checking the school website for the most up to date information.

### **Christmas Holidays-School Closures**

School closes on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon for the Christmas holidays.

Pupils return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.