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Dear Parent/Guardian

In preparation for the busy month of December, please see below some important information and important dates for your diary.



Christmas Dinner *(see menu below)*

One of the highlights of our school year is the children's Christmas dinner party. It will be held on **Friday 5th December**. It is a non-uniform day, and all children are encouraged to wear their Christmas/festive jumper/hat to add to the atmosphere. *(Please do not buy anything new)* To help the kitchen staff prepare for this lovely occasion we ask that you book online (both paying and free school meals) via School Money by Tuesday 2nd December.

It is a long-standing school tradition that our entire staff get to sit down together and have their school Christmas dinner as well. To accommodate this:

Pupils will have an **EARLY FINISH** after their Christmas dinner on Fri. 5th;

P1 – P4 collection 12.15 – 12.25pm

P5 – P7 collection 12.25 – 12.35pm



***Please note there will be no after school care on this date. Breakfast Club as normal.**

Whole School Carol Service



On Thursday 18th December at 1pm all classes from P1 to P7 will participate in our wonderful Nativity Tableau and Carol Service at St. Joseph's Church. This is always a lovely occasion and really sets the atmosphere in preparation for the true meaning of Christmas. Everyone welcome, so please come join us. Door collection in aid of Newry Hospice. *(voluntary)*

P1 Christmas Play

Primary 1 will perform their Christmas Play on Wednesday 10th December at 10am. Doors will open at 9.30am for all parents and family members associated with this class. Door collection for Newry Hospice. *(Voluntary)*

P.T.O

Santa Visit & Fun Day

On Friday 12th December we will be getting a special visit from Santa. All our boys and girls on the nice list will meet Santa, have their photo taken, receive a small treat, have some hot chocolate, cookies/marshmallows and partake in a variety of Christmas activities. Again, pupils are asked to wear their Christmas/festive jumper/hat to add to the atmosphere.

New P1 Enrolment September 2026

We will host an Open Afternoon on Monday 15th December from 1.30pm for any prospective new pupils who are due to start Primary 1 in September 2026.

Wraparound Care Closures

No After-School Care on Friday 5th December. (**Breakfast Club open**)

No **2pm-4pm** After-School Care on Friday 12th December. (**Breakfast Club open**)

Last day for Breakfast and After-School Care is Tuesday 16th December. (**Re-opens Mon 5th Jan**)

SVP Christmas Donations

Ms Moley and her Primary 3 class will be organising their annual SVP Christmas Hamper/donations Appeal in the coming days. More information to follow soon.

Christmas Holidays

School will close for the Christmas Holidays for all children at 11.00am on Friday 19th December. We will re-open on Monday 5th January including Breakfast and After School Care. All pupils will attend 10am mass on Tuesday 6th January to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This Holy day concludes the twelve days of Christmastide and is the traditional end of the Christmas season. In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation to the Three Wise Men (Kings/Magi) that Jesus was the Son of God.



Christmas Menu

Friday 5th December

Roast turkey, Stuffing and Gravy

Baton Carrots/Brussel Sprouts

Roast and Mashed potatoes

Cocktail Sausages

Dessert

Choco Ices

Diluted Orange



Yours sincerely

G. Trainor

Principal

