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Progress Through Partnership

2nd December 2022

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR P.1 to P.7 PUPILS

There are only tickets left for the P.1 – P.4 matinee performance. If you require tickets, please contact the school office. There will be a raffle at each evening performance.

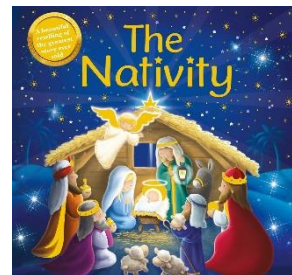
P.1 – P.4 The Nativity Performance details:

Tuesday 6th December 2022

P.1 – P.4 will perform The Nativity for Clonduff Playgroup pupils and for P.5 – P.7 pupils on **Tuesday 6th December 2022 @10:00am.**

Wednesday 7th December

On **Wednesday 7th December** The Nativity concert will be performed at two sessions with the **Matinee starting at 10:00am** and the **Evening show starting at 7:00pm** for ticket holders.



All P.1 pupils should come to school on Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening dressed in their costume for the play.

On Tuesday and Wednesday morning pupils should bring their PE tracksuit and t-shirt, in a labelled bag, for changing into after the concerts.

On **Wednesday evening** P.1 to P.4 pupils should arrive in school at **6.30pm**, having gone to the toilet just before leaving home. Parents should leave their children to the following rooms;

P.1: Parents leave children to **Room 1 (Mrs Craven's Room).**

P.2: Parents leave children to **Room 3 (Mrs Reavey's Room).**

P.3: Parents leave children to **Room 5 (Mrs O'Neill's Room).**

P3/4: Parents leave children to **Room 4 (Mrs O'Hare's Room).**

P.4: Parents leave children to **Room 7 (Miss Fegan's Room).**

P.2 children should wear their PE tracksuit and t-shirt, and P.3 and P.4 children should wear their school uniform shirt and tie.

P.2 – P.4 children may wear a Christmas hat/hairband to both performances. **All children should be collected by 7:45pm.**

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December 2022 'No One Wraps Like an Elf!'



There are a few tickets left for each performance. If you require tickets, please contact the school office. There will be a raffle each evening.

P.5 and P.6

On Tuesday and Wednesday **P.5 and P.6** pupils should arrive at school **at 6.30pm** and go to the following classrooms;

P.5: Room 6 (Mr Trainor's room).

P.6: Room 7 (Miss Fegan's room).

Children can be **collected at 8.15pm from these rooms.**

P.4 – P.6 wear full school uniform (shirt and tie) without a jumper.

P.7 pupils should arrive to school at 5:45pm on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

All P.7 pupils need to apply foundation make-up at home and arrive to school dressed in their costume. P.7 pupils should go to **Room 8 (Mrs Clarke's room)** where a make-up team will be waiting for them. When their make-up has been applied, they will go to Room 9 and wait for the production to begin at 7:00pm sharp.

The pupils will all go back to these classrooms at the end of the shows and will only be allowed to leave with a designated adult. **Pick up time is 8:15pm.**

Thursday 8th December



All pupils will be attending 9:30am Mass in St John's Church. All families are welcome to join us in celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the parish.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day 8th December

We will be having Christmas Dinner on 8th December and the children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/top/hat on this day. As all staff will be assisting with serving the Christmas dinner, all children will go home at 1:50pm to allow staff time to have their dinner/lunch.



Friday 9th December: Buttercrane Shopping Centre Carol Singing



Our Choir will be singing Christmas carols in Buttercrane Shopping Centre, from 10:00am to 12:00 noon on Friday 9th December, bringing some tuneful festive cheer to the shoppers in Newry. Make sure you say hello if you see us!

Sunday 11th December Baminelli Sunday



We are very excited to be involved in our parish celebration of Baminelli Sunday. Baminelli Sunday is celebrated across the world on the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday).

All our children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed at 11:30am Mass in St John's Church. Families can make their own 'Baminelli' if they wish. A suggestion is, following the blessing, you take your 'Baminelli' home, wrap it and open it as a family on Christmas morning where the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib. A gift symbolising the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas! Please come along with your family and join in this very special celebration. All children will sit with their families.

Tuesday 20th December 2022 Carol Service 7.00pm



We are delighted to announce the school and parish annual Carol Service will be returning this year. Children should be accompanied by their parents and brought to the chapel for 6.50pm. Parents are responsible for looking after their children at all times as this is a School/Community event.

All children **except school choir members and P.1 pupils** will sit with their parents. All P.1 pupils are encouraged to attend as they form the Nativity Tableau. (More details will be sent home later next week). The congregation joins the church choir and the school choir in the carol singing – carol word booklets will be provided. School choir members will sit with Mrs O'Neill and Miss McAnulty at the front of the chapel.

Thursday 22th December

School closes at 11.00am for all children and reopens on Friday 6th January 2022

*The Staff of St Patrick's Primary School wish you a
Happy, Peaceful and Holy Christmas.*

