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DECEMBER UPDATE



30 November 2023

Dear Parent

I should be grateful if you could please note the following information and important dates:

- **Friday 1 December at 1:45pm. Christmas Tree switch on and Craft fair (Please see updated details sent via Seesaw):** We will be switching on our Christmas Tree Lights; the choir will be singing. After this, there will be a small craft fair organised by the ECO Club and festive refreshments provided by the PTAFAs. Everyone is more than welcome to attend. Perhaps get your Christmas jumper out for the first wear of the season!
- **Christmas Post Box:** P2 are once again organising internal deliveries of Christmas Cards beginning on **Monday 4 December**. It would be helpful for our P2 "Posties" if names and classes could be clearly written on the outside of the envelopes.
- **Christmas Dinner Box** will be available for all pupils on **Thursday 7 December**. All pupils are invited to wear their festive Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper on this occasion. £1 should be paid by SchoolMoney App. All proceeds are going to the PTAFAs.
- **Please make a prompt payment of ALL Dinners:** this is becoming a problem with office staff chasing up arrears. All money owing must be paid by Thursday 21 December.
- **Evening of 7 December (7pm onwards):** The choir and orchestra will be performing at Muckamore Presbyterian Church's Christmas Tree Festival. It would be lovely to see Loanends' parents support this event. I'm told there are more than 40 Christmas trees to view!
- **Tickets for Foundation Stage performances:** "Fireside Nativity" will be performed by P3 and P4 pupils at 10:00am on **Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December**. The performance should last approximately 45 minutes. Tickets can be purchased through SchoolMoney. (£3.50 each).
- **Dress Rehearsal:** Foundation Stage KS2 pupils will attend the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 12 December at 10:00am. Please note Foundation Stage and KS2 children are not permitted to leave class to attend the main performances with parents.

P3 and 4 teachers will send out separate details regarding costume requirements (if any) and collection times. The show will be professionally recorded and a digital download will be available for purchase. Details to follow.
- **Monday 18 December:** Please keep free for PTAFAs Christmas Discos. More details to follow from the PTAFAs.
- For those pupils who wish to continue taking school milk the amount required for the period **Thursday 4 January – Friday 22 March** is **£10.92**. Please place your order on SchoolMoney by **Friday 15 December**.

- **P1 Intake September 2024:** The application process is online. Digital admissions will be live from **Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 12 noon** until **Friday 26 January 2024 at 12 noon**. Please refer to www.eani.org.uk for updates. Also note that applications received after 12 noon on 26 January will be treated as “late.” If you would like a prospectus to pass on to a friend or family member, please contact the school office.
- **Contacting Staff:** Parents are asked not to contact staff regarding school/pupil matters on their personal mobile phones or through Seesaw. Staff have been advised not to reply. All enquiries or information should be made through the school office.
- **Text Message Service:** we will do our best to inform you of any school closures during the winter period via Seesaw, the School Website and the My School Text Messaging Service. Please make sure you keep us up to date with changes of mobile numbers. Also, in the event of a change in arrangements for a trip, after school activity or school closure, I would ask for your help in “spreading the word” just in case the message fails to reach some parents.
- **School will close at 12:15pm on Thursday 21 December. This will be a non-uniform day for pupils. Happy Holidays!!**

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, may I take this opportunity to wish all our pupils, parents and friends a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Linda Armour

Mrs L Armour
Principal



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