

Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to enjoying Christmas and the Holy Season of Advent with the children and hope Covid restrictions do not impact on our plans too much!

I would like to remind you of the important dates ahead for the rest of the term.

Our Advent Prayer Services will start today and will be held each week at our virtual assembly.

Friday 4th December	First Friday Mass P6/5 to lead
Friday 4th December	Individual children performing as part of Virtual Choir
Tuesday 8th December	Christmas Pyjama Day £1 fine (ipayimpact) Nursery Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 9th December	Online Christmas Panto with sweet treat kindly donated by Parent Fundraising Group
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Lunch – no need to pre order Choices: Turkey, Steak Pie or Quorn Lasagne
Friday 11th December	Santa Dash / Christmas Jumper Day Fine of £1.00 for wearing a Christmas Jumper (all proceeds to St Andrew's Hospice)
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Party Day – whole school Nursery, Primary 1, 2 and 3 virtual visit from Santa
Friday 18th December	Christmas Mass 11.00am in school

This year we have had to make some difficult decisions in order to keep everyone safe, sadly our Christmas enterprise fayre and Carol Service will not go ahead, we are sure you will understand why we had to take this action. We look forward to 2021 and hopefully a return to all our Christmas festivities!



Christmas Hampers

This year we hope to organise Christmas Hampers to be distributed to those less fortunate in our Community, we feel it is important for our children to understand the true meaning of Christmas especially as this year is a very difficult year for many families. If possible, could you please send in donations to help us to create our hampers?

Suggested items:	Primary 1	Shortbread, biscuits and cakes
	Primary 2	Chocolates, sweets and crisps
	Primary 3	Tinned items eg. fruit, soup
	Primary 4	Tinned items eg. fish, meat
	Primary 5	Rice, noodles, pasta and sauces
	Primary 6	Toiletries
	Primary 7	Gift items eg. gloves, socks, toys

A box for donations will be placed outside the main entrance every morning at 8.45am and afternoons at 2.45pm alternatively these items can be given to Class Teachers, all items collected will be quarantined. **All items must be handed in no later than Monday 14th December.**

Christmas Party Day Wednesday 16th December

All children will celebrate their Christmas Party in class on this day. Children should come to school in their party clothes as this is an all day party. This means children do not need to go home to get changed. Children will be dismissed in the usual way.



iPayimpact

We are unable to accept cash during this pandemic. iPayimpact passwords are available from the School Office, this will allow you to add money electronically and also keeps you updated with current balance on dinner money.

Change of Address

It is extremely important that the school is kept informed of any change of address, telephone number or email address, in case we have to contact you.

Parent Council

The Parent Council are trying to encourage more feedback and engagement from the Parent Forum to help set the agenda for PC meetings.

Please log in using link below or scan QR code to access page, use this space to submit your name and any general comments, compliments or queries that you would like to be considered for discussion at the next St Brendan's Parent Council Meeting on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTcta.wUZKZp1ENtYwF5Nj0P0X182tpRUMEJURUEyRkRpDRlhOMEtHVjZINzY5Wk9OSS4u>



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Interim reports

Our interim reports will be sent home week beginning 14th December.

St Andrew's Hospice

We have small teddy bears and Christmas badges on sale for St Andrew's Hospice. Teddy bears are £2.50 each and Christmas badges are £2.00 each. School staff will not handle any cash or give change, all money will be placed into a sealed St Andrew's Hospice box and returned to them. Please help us support this worthy charity.



Asda Community Partnership

This year Asda Motherwell have asked the children to design Christmas cards and Christmas messages which Asda will collect, quarantine and deliver to local Care Homes. The children are busy in class working hard to design their cards.

Homework/Isolating Packs

As school policy there will be no homework from Monday 7th December. Isolating children will continue to receive isolating packs from their Class Teacher.

Blogs

Follow us on Twitter @StBrendansPS and [Blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbrendans](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbrendans). Please check every week for the most up to date information.

Parking Reminder

The school car park is for staff use only.

Christmas Holiday

And finally, at time of writing school closes at 2.30pm on Tuesday 22nd December and will re-open on Wednesday 6th January 2021 at 8.55am. Reports in the press suggest that this may change and we will keep you updated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your children a very peaceful, happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely
Mrs M Oates
Head Teacher

