



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please find below information which I hope you find useful.

Christmas Performance information.

Our Christmas presentations of 'Christmas Recipe' (P1-3), P4 supporting P4-7 performance & will also sing a Christmas song and "Scrooge – A Ghost of a Chance' (P5-7), will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday 11th December at 1.15pm
- Wednesday 12th December at 7.00pm

There are still a few tickets available for Tuesday the 11th. If you wish to buy additional tickets please send a note with your child along with payment.

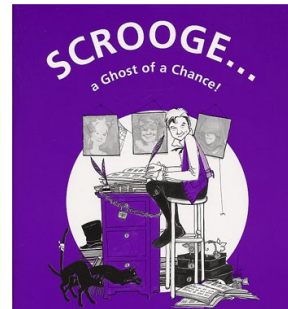
The raffle will be drawn at the end of the performances. Prizes include a scooter! Tickets will be sold at £1 per strip on the days of the performances. The Parents council will also be selling a variety of goodies including reindeer dust, Christmas soup and reindeer droppings!!!

Children who have taken part in the first performance will be supervised in their class until the end of the P5-P7 performance. They will not be allowed back into the hall.

On the afternoon of 11th December, parents will have access to the school **from 1.00pm**. There will be no access before this time since the hall has to be cleared after lunch and set up for the performance. **Children are asked to have lunch in school on that day.**

On the evening of 12th December, the school will **open at 6.20pm**. Please do not arrive/bring children before 6.20pm as there will be no supervision and therefore children will not be allowed access to the school.

Please keep your tickets in a safe place and remember to bring them with you on the day. **There will be no admission to the performances without the appropriate ticket(s).**



Feast day Mass

Our inaugural feast day mass will take place on Friday the 7th December at 10 a.m. when we will celebrate the feast of the Immaculate conception. This mass will take place in St Mary's church. At this mass the children who are going to begin the Pope Francis Faith Award will be enrolled. I

would also like to extend an invitation to the parents/ Grandparents and the local community to come along to join us at this mass. Following the mass we will have some light refreshments in the school hall where the children will perform some songs from their upcoming Christmas shows.



As you will see in the diary the children will celebrate Christmas with a party. All the parties are in the afternoon. If you wish your child to go home for lunch and change they can be collected from the school office at **12 noon**. Children who are not going home should bring their clothes with them and they can change after they have had their lunch. A member of staff will be available to help them get dressed.

Parent Council

We are producing a calendar instead of selling Christmas cards which will be on sale at the Christmas shows. The calendar will be in the form of the children being grouped in the month of their birthday, i.e. all children whose birthday is in January will be photographed as one group. The photographs will be taken in the school on Tuesday 4th December. They will cost £5.

We previously supported bus transport for the children to attend the pantomime in November 21st - the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

We have had a revised quote for the school garden. The price has increased by over £2000 since the original quote in February due to an increase in material costs and the amount of groundwork required in order to prepare the land.

The November 50/50 was drawn at the meeting and the winning number was 31.

On a very happy note - we received an email from Tesco this week to advise us that we won the Tesco Bags for Help vote and we will be receiving £4000 over the next year to purchase some outdoor educational toys and equipment. A massive thank you to all who popped their tokens into our box!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Francis McIntyre

Headteacher

Flu Immunisation



Can I remind you that the children will receive their flu vaccine on Friday the 14th December. NHS Staff will visit the school and administer the vaccine to the children.

Pupil Attendance

If your child is absent due to illness we ask if you could do the following:

1. On the morning when the absence starts please telephone the school on 274955 to inform us.
2. **When your child returns to school please send a signed letter explaining the reason for your child's absence.**
- 3.

If an absence is not reported we will send a text message to alert you to your child's absence. Please acknowledge this message by calling the school. If no contact is made the office will call to establish the reason for the child's absence. If we are unable to make contact to establish why the child is absent we will need to record the child as missing and contact the police.

It is also important that your child **arrives on time** for school at 9.00a.m. Again, this is monitored and we encourage parents to form good habits so that your child starts his/her day in a calm manner.

End of Term arrangements

The school will close at 2.30 pm on Friday 21st December and re-open on Monday the 7th January. The school buses have been contacted and will pick the children up at 2.30 pm on the last day. Can I take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful, happy and holy Christmas.



Inclement Weather/Outdoor Clothing



To ensure the children are comfortable when out playing could I again ask that due to the change in weather that the children wear appropriate clothing for the cold weather.
Thank You!!

Dates for your Diary

4th December - Photos for school calendar

6th December - Sport Safe repairing PE Equipment

7th December - Feast Day Mass

10th December - Dress Rehearsal

11th December - Christmas Show

12th December - Christmas Show

14th December - Flu Vaccine

14th December - Nursery Nativity

17th December - P5-7 Christmas Party

18th December - P3& P4 Christmas Party

19th December - P1&P2 Christmas Party

20th December - Nursery Party

21st December - School Closes at 2:30 pm

7th January - School returns

