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**KEY DIARY DATES for NOVEMBER**

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**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 12.00 – Funeral Mass for Sr Clare of the Poor Clare's. Our senior pupils have been invited to serve with the Bishop and I am hoping to see as many as can manage along to represent the school.**

**Full School Uniform please ( details on the App)**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm – Parent Council Meeting – ALL WELCOME!**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – P7 Group 3 to visit Bothwell Care Home pm as part of Intergenerational Project**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – P7 BOWLING input (pm)**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – P7 to go “out” for Lunch!**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Staff from Holy Cross to work with P7 (am)**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> – Beginning of CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK ( see over)**

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> + TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**INSERVICE DAYS .....**

**SCHOOL CLOSED/ STAFF Only!**

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> – P7 Residential Week to Lockerbie Manor – P7 children to report to school NO LATER than 12.00 to head off!**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – RAG BAG COLLECTION**

**SACRAMENTAL MEETING**

**Preparation Meeting @ 6.00pm in St. Bride's Church**

**6.00pm – P3 Parents - Reconciliation**

**6.30pm – P4 Parents – First Communion**

**7.00pm – P 6 & 7 Parents – Confirmation**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10.00am MASS in St Bride's- ENROLMENT MASS for P3, P4, P6 + P7 Confirmandi and P6 PFFA candidates.**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – P1 FLU VACCINATION**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – ENTERPRISE DAY ( P4-7)**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – As above ( am only P1-3)**

**FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> – CHRISTMAS FAIR!**



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Dear Parents

HUGE THANK YOU to the PTA, Staff and of course our children for a GREAT day yesterday. Full of fun and excitement. I have discovered the secret to a happy school is 7,000 toilet rolls ( for mummy-wrapping) and 300 pumpkins! As always thank you for your support!

As the clocks have gone back and nights are darker earlier we have been discussing with the children how important it is that they take extra care on the roads particularly at the beginning and end of the day.

We have just started our second block of after-school clubs for this Term and it will be getting dark and the roads will be getting busier as we head towards Christmas we would ask that you reinforce this safety message at home.

Thank you.

**NOVEMBER** will be our School **LITERACY MONTH** to coincide with Scottish Book Week and we continue to promote the First Minister's Reading Challenge for all of the children across the school.

Mr David Brayley our “Reading Patron” visited P5 this week to look at story writing and the development of character and plot. Everyone had a wonderful time and Mr Brayley complimented all of our children and staff on the warm welcome he received and the enthusiastic participation of the boys and girls in P5. WELL DONE!

He hopes to make links for us with his local school in Wales for some joint-working opportunities, so we will keep you posted!

**WEDNESDAY 20th NOVEMBER** – Sacramental Preparation. This meeting is for Parents of children in **P3, P4, P6 & 7** and is held in St Bride's Church **See times to the left.**

As you can see the meetings are short but very important.

We will discuss the Home-school workbooks, Programme of Preparation, Role of school, home and Church and finally the dates and arrangements for the services next term. We ask that every child is represented at the meeting so that all of the information is heard at the same time.

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – “ DRESS – DOWN Day”** Children can come to school not in uniform on this day and we ask for no money but ONE item per child donated to the **CHRISTMAS FAIR CHILDREN’S TOMBOLA** – games, book, toys , sweets!

#### **CHRISTMAS FAIR – CHRISTMAS JUMPER STALL**

The PTA have asked that if you are replacing your Christmas Jumpers for this year could you hand them into the school **ON OR BEFORE** the Christmas Fair ( 29<sup>th</sup> November) and we will have them displayed for other parents who might wish to have a look and make a small donation to take a new one!

This worked very well for the Halloween Costumes this year which is why they have had another bright idea to take this year’s costume off your hands next week and store away for next October! Nothing like being well planned!

Thank you for your support

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY in school this year is WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER.**

**ANNUAL Toy Sale in memory of Caitlin O’Neill ( former pupil)**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass**

All donations gratefully received and can be collected or handed into the Centre no later than **FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

Proceeds will go towards providing Sensory Equipment for the Children’s Hospital , which can be brought to a child’s bedside to give comfort, stimulation and joy!

**PLEASE label donations – TOY SALE** to avoid confusion with Christmas Fair donations. Thank you

**Christmas Fair – FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER @ 10-12 here in the school.**

As always looking for your support and participation. The PTA are working feverishly behind the scenes organising stalls etc but appreciate any notes of interests from volunteers, donations for the Raffle or any other offers of help. Further information will come out over the coming weeks on the App – PLEASE keep involved. This is a Great Annual Event which the children and families LOVE! Let’s make this the best one yet. ALL proceeds will go towards equipment for the playground benefitting ALL of our children for years to come!

**Raffle Prizes can be sent to the office from Week beginning MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> November! Thank you!**

**ADVENT Mass rota in St Bride’s Church – Sunday 10.00am Mass**

For the last few years the children in P4-7 have led the liturgy during Advent in St Bride’s at the Children’s Mass @ 10am.

If your child is interested in taking part and available a return slip will be sent home next week ( after Halloween is really all over) which they can complete and return to the school no later than FRIDAY 8th November for me to prepare the rota. We are usually very well supported and I would certainly be encouraging our First Communicants and Pope Francis Faith Award Candidates to get involved. It is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas.

**And finally.....**

**KEY DATES for your Diary in DECEMBER**

- SCHOOL CLOSED ( Additional Development Day for Staff) – THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December due to the Election
- CHRISTMAS Cinema Treat ( P1-7 ) – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December (am)
- FIRST FRIDAY Mass – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 10am
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – P1-3 Nativity “ Hosanna Rock” (pm) @ 1.30pm in the school
- P4-7 “ Not just a Christmas Carol...” @ 6.30pm in the Church (tbc)
- ***PLEASE note the change to Senior Christmas Concert due to surprise Election.***
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – P1-3 Christmas Party with Santa (pm)
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – P4-7 Christmas Disco (pm)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Mass @ 9.30am ( P1-7)
- EARLY close @ 2.30pm

Details about tickets etc and updates will all be posted on the School App please make sure that you are checking in as the next couple of months are VERY busy!

Kind regards,

Mrs Pacitti

**YOU SUGGESTED IT – WE LISTENED!**

**A return slip for ideas and suggestions on school improvement and progress- Parents only**

**Suggestion/Comment:**

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**WEDNESDAY “OPEN AFTERNOON” – EVERY WEEK between 1-3pm**