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# December Newsletter

December is a really busy month in Holy Family Primary School, Aughamullan. Here is a reminder of upcoming important events in December!

## Dates for your December Diary

Date	Event
6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Joseph's Coalisland Advent Service in Holy Family Chapel Coalisland at 7pm. P1-P7 children singing at this. Full uniform required please.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Singing at Mid Ulster Council Offices at 11am (P5-P7)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Play in The Washingbay Centre at 7pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Singing in The Oaks Centre & Newell Stores (P5-P7) (am)
18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Shopping Night for parents to 6pm</li><li>• Talk from Simon Community</li></ul>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils go home at 1pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to The Waterfront Belfast to see the Pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" Pupils go home after Pantomime at approximately 1pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	School closes at 11am for all pupils

### Mary's Meals

Many sincere thanks for your outstanding generosity to this wonderful charity. 100+ bags were donated to Mrs Pauline McCormick (Area Co-ordinator) who was very grateful for the bags. They should be in Malawi by Christmas.

### Mid Ulster Women's Shelter

Thank you again for your generosity for the Mid Ulster Women's Shelter hamper. The cleaning products will support local women who really need our help over the festive period.

### Anti-bullying Week

The week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November saw the launch of Anti-Bullying Week. We had a range of events for the children to take part in and an interactive workshop from NSPCC.

### Christmas Play

The children have been working very hard on their Christmas Play on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Children are asked to arrive at The Washingbay Centre for 6.30pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

### Attendance

We aim that every child has at least 90% attendance over the school year. The Education Welfare Officer (From the EA) monitors this closely. If your child is off school, please send in a written note to the class teacher to explain why they were absent, immediately upon their return. The school needs a note if your child is absent.

### Christmas Dinner

Our school cook Linda has been working very hard on preparing our annual Christmas Dinner. This will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We would encourage all children to come and have their dinner on this special day and wear their Christmas jumpers/own clothes. **All children will go home at 1pm.** Representatives from the Simon Community are talking to the children before they have their Christmas dinner. We would appreciate a £1 for this very worthy Charity.

## School Holidays

Please note the school will close at 11am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

The school will **reopen** on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for all pupils. This is Toy Day. Pupils can bring in one toy (not electronic) on this day. We are also going to 10am Mass in St. Brigid's Brocagh.

## Parent Support Group

Many SINCERE thanks to our brilliant Parent Support Group. We have now purchased a new shed, a variety of outdoor toys and new tables and chairs are on their way early in 2019! Your dedication and hard work is very much appreciated.

## Dinner Money

Dinner money needs paid weekly please. We now have a considerable amount of dinner money owed to EA. The school cannot afford to finance this. Please ensure to pay on time.

## Finally...

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!!

Many thanks for your ongoing support and co-operation.

**\*Please ensure to read over our separate Online Safety Newsletter.**

**Have you concerns about a child's/ children's welfare or safety? If so, you should contact the children's Social Work Gateway Service: 0800 783 7745**

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