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November



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December

Thank you to everyone for attending our Parent Teacher meetings via phone. They were a great success!!

The children looked **amazing** in their Halloween costumes and had a fun filled day of activities. See our website for pictures! Many thanks to all parents/carers for your outstanding time and effort!!

After- School Activities

Tuesday & Thursday: Transfer Club
2nd/4th/ 9th & 11th November



Wednesday: Healthy Kidz
P1/P2/P3: 2PM - 3PM
P4/P5/P6/P7: 3PM- 4PM

Clubs will run form week beginning 1st November to week beginning 6th December (except Transfer)

Anti-Bullying Week (15th - 19th November)

Every year our school takes part in Anti-Bullying week as part of our school Pastoral Care & Child Protection. This year we have arranged for the children to participate in Anti- Bullying workshops.



Wonderful News!



'Live well, play together, learn forever.'



We have been approved to get a large extension out the side of our school as well as a new extension out the front! When we receive dates for building work we will let you know!

Pantomime

This year the pantomime is coming live to the children! On December 13th a live pantomime is being streamed into all classrooms. P1/2/3 are welcome to stay to 2:45pm on this day! A donation of £1 per child would be greatly appreciated to cover costs.

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.

Lifting Children

if you are collecting your child early or lifting them for an appointment, the class teacher **needs a note or email to school account** in advance, except in cases of emergency.

Parents/Carers are NOT permitted to enter the school building.

Student Council

This year we are collecting for **Mary's Meals again**. If you can bring in old usable, clean school bags/ stationary/ uniforms/ clean clothes for children in severe poverty it would be greatly appreciated - by November 26th.



Christmas Performance

This year the children will be performing Hosanna Rock in St. Patrick's Church, Clonoe at 7pm on Thursday 16th December. Two people only from each family to attend to adhere to Parish social distancing rules. The performance will be available on the parish Web- Cam for those who can't attend.



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Easyfundraising.org.uk

Have you registered with easyfundraising.org.uk? It is such an easy way to make money for our school. All you have to do is register, and then you click into easyfundraising.org.uk before you buy anything online. Easyfundraising will redirect you to amazon; eBay etc... and we will receive a percentage of the money you spend. ***You won't be out any money ***

If you are making a large purchase e.g. holidays, Christmas gifts etc. it is a great way to donate money to our school! Mrs Gorman bought (more) CD's online and managed to raise 84p for free for our school!



Fundraising for School Funds

We are hoping to raise enough funds for new reading books/Mathletics subscription/ Bug Club subscription this year. In time, when the Covid numbers reduce significantly and it is safer, we can hopefully get back to our normal way of Fundraising with our brilliant Parent Support Group.

To help with this we are having a raffle on 16th December. A book of tickets will be sent home with each child to sell.

1st Prize - Tyrone Jersey signed by Brian Kennedy

2nd Prize - Hamper filled by staff

3rd Prize - Voucher from Newell Stores

If you could donate a prize to our raffle that would be greatly appreciated. Please email the school info account if you are in a position to do so, or contact the school office. We would appreciate donations to school funds instead of gifts to staff at Christmas if you don't mind, please. We don't expect presents but a small donation to school funds would be really appreciated instead if you want. Please do not feel under pressure to do so.

Reminder

Children are only allowed to have a Healthy snack in school each day. Fruit/ Vegetables /Plain Dairy / Plain Bread based products only are allowed. No sugar/ chocolate based snacks are allowed. Children are to have plain water only to drink during the in a plastic container with a sports cap on, clearly labelled. Containers should not hold any more than 300ml.



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Parking

Please keep the gates clear to allow staff to get in and out of school please

Dates for 2022

First Holy Communion: Saturday 28th May 2022 at 10am in St. Patrick's Church, Clonoe.

Confirmation: Sunday 12th June 2022 in St. Patricks Church, Clonoe at 3pm.



Date for First Confession has not been confirmed yet.



Good Luck to the Primary 7 children who are sitting the Entrance Assessment on Saturday 13th November. May the Holy Spirit guide and help them to remain focused, read the questions carefully and try their best. We are so proud of them already for all their hard work and dedication.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, the class teacher must be informed of the reason in writing.

Attendance is closely monitored. Any child whose attendance drops below 95% will be contacted by the Principal.

Please ensure that your child arrives on time for class as late comers lose out on valuable teaching time. Pupils must be in school for 9:00am for valuable play time/ time to socialise and meet friends.

Registration closes at 9:15am.



Meeting with Teachers

If you wish to speak to a teacher an appointment **MUST** be made via the school office/email or send a note into the teacher who will contact you back to arrange a mutually suitable time.



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Christmas Dinner

Our school cook Linda has been working very hard on preparing our annual Christmas Dinner. This will take place on Thursday 9th 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. Cost of Christmas Dinner is £2.60.

We would appreciate a £1, per child to donate to The Simon Community for the homeless at Christmas.



Please note the school will close at 1pm on Tuesday 21st December 2021. The school will **reopen** on Thursday 6th January 2022 for all pupils. This is Toy Day. Pupils can bring in one toy (not electronic) on this day. (The school accepts no responsibility for toys brought in).

Illness

If your child is sick, please follow Department of Health Guidelines and do NOT send them back to school until they are fully recovered. A note explaining the illness must be sent in on the day of their return. If you need to report a case of Covid- 19 outside school hours, please email school info account.

If your child has an inhaler that needs used in school, it must be in date, prescribed by a G.P. with the name of the child on the inhaler and necessary paperwork filled in. thank - you for your co-operation in this matter.



Please ensure your child has a coat for school every day.



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Finally...

We 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 tell everyone about our great school and to ring office/contact school info account for P.1 Prospectus/ info for enrolling for next year!

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

CHILD PROTECTION IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!



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