

*December Newsletter 2024*

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Our Mission Statement.**

*"Inspired by our faith in Christ,*

*St. Patrick's Catholic P.S. will provide:*

*A happy, secure and caring learning environment*

*Which promotes all to be the best they can be*

*Full of optimism, ambition and with a love of learning.*

*Working in partnership with our community*

*We will ensure St. Patrick's P.S. makes a difference."*

**Our School Prayer.**

*Dear St Patrick,*

*Help us to make our school*

*A happy, caring and safe place*

*Where we can be*

*The best we can be*

*Every day in every way,*

*Amen.*





## Break / Lunch / Dinner

Every pupil will require a healthy break and water each day.

**Can you please ensure that you pack a healthy snack for your child.** We are trying to encourage a healthier approach to break time. Crisps and chocolate should not be eaten at breaktime.

Dinners are £2:60 per child per day or £13:00 per week.

## Please Note

**ALL dinner money MUST be paid on a Monday morning.** The correct money **MUST** be given as we are not able to provide change.

**Dinner Menu is on the website.**

All lunch boxes and water bottles should be clearly labelled.

***Please look at the content of all snacks sent into school and check for nut content. We are a Nut Aware School due to children with allergic reactions to different types of nuts.***

## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Cost is £2.60. Money for Christmas dinner must be paid on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December so the numbers can be given to the cook in advance.

## Daily Mile

We are continuing to promote the daily mile initiative. The aim of this is to help all children improve their physical, emotional, social and mental health and wellbeing by encouraging them to run, jog or walk for 15 minutes every day. The Daily Mile can also help to increase concentration levels and improve attainment. We are grateful to our P6 children who accompany the children from the Daffodil and Snowdrop rooms on their daily walk. **Our Santa daily mile is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.** **Children should wear their Christmas jumpers / hats to school.**

## Pantomime

P4-P7 will attend the Market Place Theatre in Armagh on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and P1-P3 on December 4<sup>th</sup> for their production of Rapunzel. **Children should bring a drink and a treat snack for the interval.** **Dinners will be served on their return.**

The children from the daffodil and snowdrop rooms will also attend their Christmas activity on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Happy Dayz, Ballygawley.



## PTA

Santa Night is this Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the school. Quiet hour from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Santa Night begins at 7pm. Tickets will be issued for visit to Santa. Please follow the order of the ticket numbers to see Santa. Tickets will also be issued for face painting likewise follow the order of the ticket numbers.

### Carol Service

Our annual Carol Service will take place in Clonoe Chapel on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. All children should be seated with their class by 6.40pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### Winter Weather

Can you please ensure that your child wears a coat to school each day. There is a definite change in the weather. Please ensure that all coats are clearly marked with child's name.

### Opening Times

School gates open at 8.50 am. Children should be in school by 9.05am at the latest to begin class at 9.10am. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Late comers will be marked as late on the roll.

### Attendance

Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life. School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Please read the attached document on attendance. **Primary 3 won best attendance in October.** November attendance winners to follow.

### Leaving School Early

At times it is necessary to take your child out of school early. Children should either bring a note to the class teacher or parents / guardians should call the school secretary to arrange. **A parent or guardian must come into the school to collect the child.** Teachers cannot be contacted via our Facebook page or the website.

I want to thank you all for your support during this first term of school. It has been a busy month and there have been a lot of financial demands. Your generosity is very much appreciated. I hope to see you all at the Santa Night when our school and community come together to enjoy a special evening. I hope you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas. Best wishes for the new year.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Panto P4-P7

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December- Panto P1-P3

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Santa Night 7pm

Relaxed Hour 5.30-6.30pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Daily Mile Santa Run, Christmas Dinner, Christmas jumper / hat

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service

Clonoe Chapel 7pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- School closes at 11am

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January- School opens for new term

