

December Newsletter, 2020

Dates & Times for your Diary!!

School Carol Service

Unfortunately, due to COVID19, we cannot have our traditional Carol Service in the Chapel this year. However, each class is preparing a song or little performance to be put onto the website before Christmas. Message will be sent when it is live.

Christmas Dinner:

Tuesday 8th December.

Christmas Jumper and Mad Hair Day Fundraiser - £2 per pupil.

Normal home times this year due to need for staggered finishing times.

P1 Christmas Play

Once again, COVID19 does not allow for this for 2020.

P1s will prepare a mini performance that will be recorded and uploaded to website along with the whole school Christmas Medley for 2020.

You will receive same text as above when live.

School Closes

**On Monday 21st December 2020
For Christmas Hols at normal times!**

Due to COVID19 we cannot finish early this year.

Please refer to Calendar for date changes due to COVID19.

All school kitchens will close on 21st December and holiday dates had to be amended accordingly.

Open Morning at St Patrick's PS

Once again, COVID19 renders an Open Morning impossible for all parents wishing to see round the school at present.

Our school website is an excellent representation of life at St Patrick's PS and when we finally move beyond COVID, we will see these days return in full.

**School re-opens for children
on Thursday 7th January, 2021.**

Any changes to holiday dates as directed by DE will be text to parents as soon as school receives them. Please ensure that we have a current mobile number for all families at all times if you wish to be kept informed and up to date. Check school website daily for new letters for parents and new notices that will appear as pop-ups when you open the school website.

Should you change phones over Christmas, please email the details as soon as possible for updating your details on the school communication system.

Please remember also, that COVID19 is still very much with us and that all start and finish times and restrictions currently in place at school will continue when we return in January.

Hopefully, Easter will make a difference...and a return to 'normal.'

Pantomime.

'Beauty and the Beast'

This year, we hope to have Panto on-line live from South West College of 'Beauty and the Beast' 14th December.

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Unfortunately, this beautiful annual tradition at St Patrick's PS will be put on hold until COVID19 moves beyond our lives. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can do so online or alternatively, if you wish to send in a sealed envelope with a monetary gift inside, we will pass on to St Vincent de Paul on your behalf.

Shared Education.

We are delighted that for a fourth year in a row we can do Shared Education with our partner school, Orchard County PS, Portadown. Please see the separate letter regarding permission for children to take part in the programme 2020/21 which will be conducted remotely and online between the two schools in class groups through Google Classroom and Collaborate Ultra.

On behalf of the Governors, staff and pupils of St Patrick's PS, I would like to wish you all a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas with your families and friends.

May 2021 be a year full of every blessing you need and see an end to this world pandemic known as COVID19.

Governors, Principal and Staff of St Patrick's PS.

