

December Newsletter, 2022

Dates & Times for your Diary!!

Christmas Performances

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:

Thursday 15th December.

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

Normal home times this year.

For those who pay, dinner costs £2:60.

Monday 19th December

Learning Support Class Coffee Time.

Morning Session
9:30am - 10:30am

Afternoon Session
1:00pm - 2:00pm

P1 Nativity Performance.

P1 will perform their Nativity play for all their parents in the school Hall on

Tuesday 20th December 2022
At 10:00am.

Wednesday 21st December

will be Christmas Party Lunch Menu

Open Morning at St Patrick's PS

This year, due to works, an Open Morning will be impossible for Health & Safety reasons.

Our school website is an excellent representation of life at St Patrick's PS and when it is safe to do so. Anyone wishing to see around the school can ring in and make an appointment to be shown around.

School Closes

On Thursday 22nd December 2022
For Christmas Hols!

P1 - P3 (and older siblings) Finish at
11:40am

P4 - P7 finish at 12:00pm

(No dinner or buses home).

School re-opens for children
on Wednesday 4th January,
2023.

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

Santa's Electronic Gifts.

Every year Santa brings to many lucky children gifts of i-Phones, i-Pads, tablets, X-Box to name but a few....

Very often he forgets to leave a note for parents on the importance of putting on Parental Controls that will safeguard their child from harmful communications of others they would not choose to be friends with.

On Santa's behalf, can I respectfully ask all parents to protect their child by putting these simple safeguards in place and then keeping a guiding and protective eye on all their children's activities thereafter.

Together, we can make a big difference in protecting our children this year.

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 2023 be a year full of every blessing you need.

From

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



Nollaig Shona Duit!!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: External and internal work planned for St Patrick's PS:

Monday 5th December will see the start of outdoor work and some internal work in relation to upgrading Fire Safety upstairs by way of putting in an external fire escape stairway from the first floor to ground level and creating a safe play area for the children in the Learning Support Class.

Contractors will require two work areas

- the first for the play area and the second where the steel stair will be. This will affect how we run things for the week as we will not be able to use the hard playground at the front of the school i.e. between the school and the road.

IN THE MORNINGS:

- We will have restricted access to the main door and all classes and children will enter via the top pedestrian gate in the mornings and follow the footpath around to the backyard of the school.

P1 - P3 Staff will line children up in the space between the main double gates and the staff cars parked on site in the mornings and walk their class in.

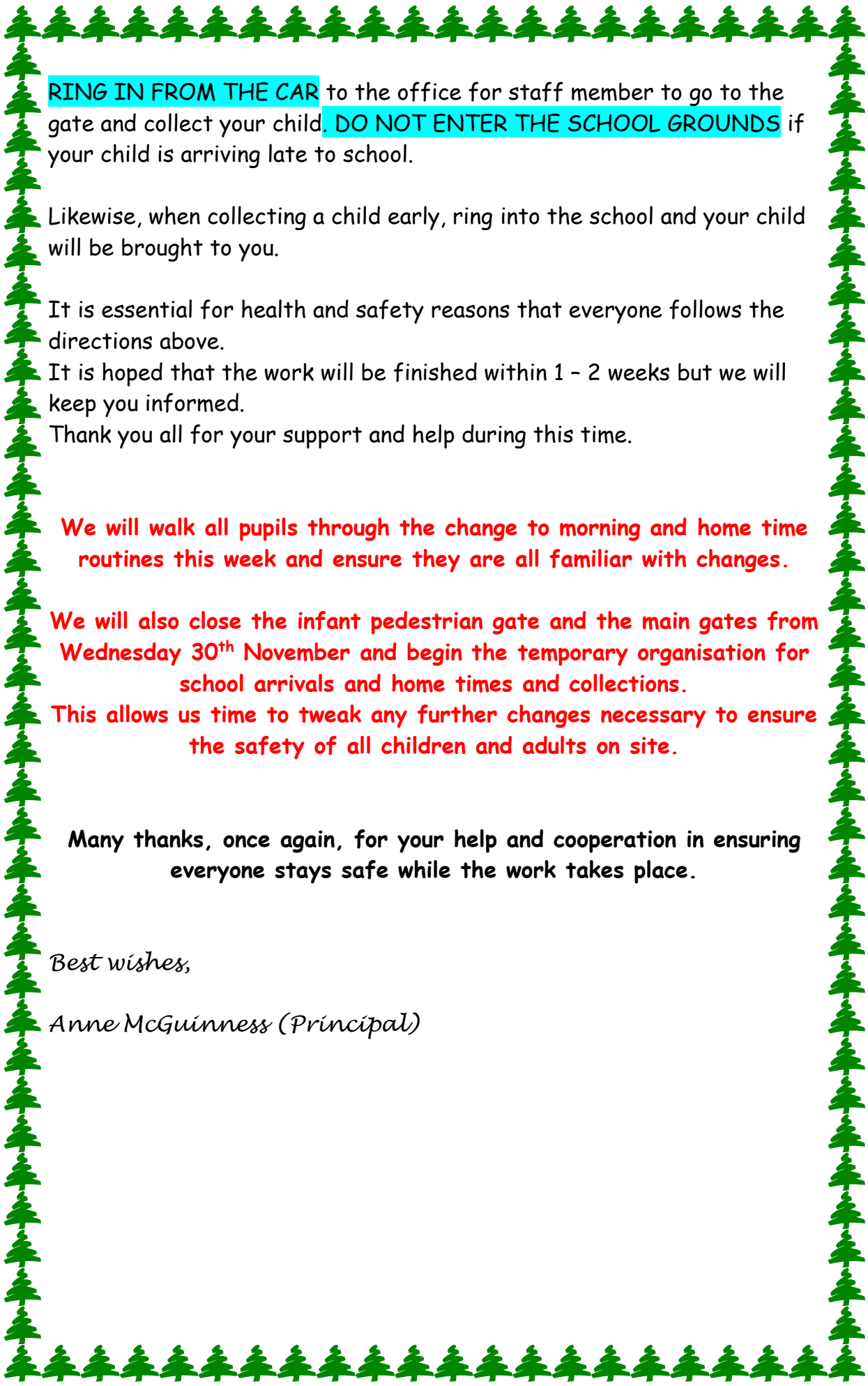
P4 - P7 pupils will go to class as normal in the mornings.

AT HOME TIMES:

- P1 - P3 staff will bring their classes to line up in the space between the main double gates and the staff cars on site. ALL parents/child minders collecting children MUST come to the top pedestrian gate and teachers will send children to you. Please DO NOT enter the school grounds.

- P4 - P7 staff will bring their classes to line up in the space between the double main gates and staff cars on site. Once again, please go to the top pedestrian gate and children will be sent to you. **DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

Late arrivals, early finishers, collecting a child who is sick
Please follow all current arrangements



RING IN FROM THE CAR to the office for staff member to go to the gate and collect your child. **DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS** if your child is arriving late to school.

Likewise, when collecting a child early, ring into the school and your child will be brought to you.

It is essential for health and safety reasons that everyone follows the directions above.

It is hoped that the work will be finished within 1 - 2 weeks but we will keep you informed.

Thank you all for your support and help during this time.

We will walk all pupils through the change to morning and home time routines this week and ensure they are all familiar with changes.

We will also close the infant pedestrian gate and the main gates from Wednesday 30th November and begin the temporary organisation for school arrivals and home times and collections.

This allows us time to tweak any further changes necessary to ensure the safety of all children and adults on site.

Many thanks, once again, for your help and cooperation in ensuring everyone stays safe while the work takes place.

Best wishes,

Anne McGuinness (Principal)