

Our Monthly Up-Date

10/12/18



From the Principal

I just love working in a primary school coming up to Christmas. There's real excitement as displays go up, songs get practised and Santa's presents get wrapped and sorted by P1 elves. There's nowhere more Christmassy (except for maybe Lapland).

I know I say this all of the time and I'm biased, but I do believe we have a wonderful school, filled with the best pupils. Our P7s did a super job as tour guides for Open Night and Open Morning; they were great ambassadors for the school. It was a genuine pleasure to show people around our school on Wednesday morning when all the kids were in situ. Please let neighbours and relatives know that application forms for Primary 1 September 2019 are online this year, as is detailed below. Word of mouth is our best publicity.

I'm sure I will be speaking to many of you in the next couple of weeks but, in case I'm not, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. The next couple of weeks are going to fly!

Concerts

School ends at 2 pm
on Tues 11 & Wed 12
Dec

Normal finishing time
the rest of the week

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIRS

Raised an amazing
£646 worth of
books for the class
libraries

Thank you very much



We were delighted to welcome international visitors from Sicily and Hungary to see our PATHS lessons

P1 Sept 2019

**New digital application
this year**

**Opens 10am on Wed 2 Jan
2019**

**Closes midnight on Thurs
31 Jan 2019**

The application form can be found on the Education Authority's website under Admissions.

In order to assist parents we will hold an enrolment session in the school ICT suite on:

Tuesday 15 January 2019



Concert Tickets

A form for ordering tickets was sent home earlier this week.

The Tuesday morning P1-P4 'Dress Rehearsal' performance is free, but tickets still need to be pre-ordered so that we can arrange adequate seating.

Unfortunately we have to limit the tickets for the P1-P4 Wednesday night performance to 3 per family, as we simply do not have any more room at the inn.

Farewell

We want to wish Mrs McMullan a fond farewell as she retires from Carryduff Primary School at Christmas. She has taught upper KS2 here for 18 years, preparing many children for life in post primary school. We know she will enjoy her trips to Austria and having time to meet with friends for coffee as she takes a well earned retirement.

We are also sad to wave goodbye to Mr Darcy in SCU1 as he heads off on an exciting trip across the globe.

Choir Performances

Such is the talent of our choir that once again we have been showered with requests to perform at various venues.

Their first performance was at Lough Moss Carol Service on Sunday and they were absolutely superb. The talented bunch will also brighten up the day for residents of Hollygate Lodge and Carryduff Nursing Home. They shall travel to the International Centre on the Lisburn Road and squeeze in performances at St Ignatius and Carryduff Presbyterian along the way.

They will of course be performing at our own Christmas Concert next Tuesday night.

They will have no voices left for Christmas!

P5-P7 Reminder

All pupils are to wear a white shirt and school tie on the Tuesday concert night.

Ties are available from the office - £4.00

News

P7 can breathe a big sigh of relief now that AQE and GL transfer tests are all over. We are very impressed with their determination and good humour throughout the process.

A ceramicist from the Island Arts Centre worked with our P7 pupils to make pots supporting their topic work on the Titanic. The pots have gone off to the kiln for firing.

Our P5s recently played in their second basketball tournament at Lough Moss. Their skills are definitely improving as they came runners up this time.

Jumping Clay will be coming into school on Tuesday 18 Dec to do some workshops after school. A letter with details will follow.

Coffee Morning

Our SCU classes will be holding their Christmas coffee morning for parents & guardians on **Friday 21 December at 11.00 am.**



Christmas Concert Arrangements

Doors will open on both nights at **6.30 pm** and not before as there will not be adequate cover for the children until then. Please leave your children to their designated classroom by 6.40 pm.

Concerts will commence at **7.00pm** and should be finished by **7.40pm** approximately.

After the concert please collect your child from the classroom and inform a member of staff that you are taking him/her.

We are aware that the children may well be tired on Wednesday or Thursday morning and we will plan our activities to accommodate this. School will begin at 8.55am as usual.

The Tuesday morning performance will be at 9.30am, following the concert it will be a normal school day for the children. **Please remember the 2pm finish on both concert days.**

Diary Dates

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| Christmas Concerts | 11 & 12 December (2pm finish) |
| Jumping Clay | 18 December |
| Last day of term | 21 December (12pm finish) |
| New term | 7 January 2019 |

Important

No crossing patrol on Friday 21 Dec

Please arrange to have your child cross Church Road safely

Non-Uniform/Christmas Jumper Day

21 December - £1 for PTA Funds