



December 2017

## Christmas 2017

Tomorrow is the last day of term, the winter solstice and only five more sleeps till Christmas. Just like homes, schools are very busy places. In the past few weeks we have had the following events: the very successful Christmas Fair, Christmas Dinner (Thanks Pauline!!), talk to Primary 6&7 by Bryson House, Indoor football blitz and the Primary 7 visit to St Patrick's College, Congratulations to Alice, Eva and Niamh from Primary 4 who won the art competition organised by Bannview Care Home. This week we had the Christmas Play and Carol Service on Monday and Tuesday and on Wednesday we had the PTA Christmas Party and a visit from the man himself, Santa. Thanks to all who supported these activities.

### Christmas Play

Thanks to the pupils and staff for all their work in preparing for the KS1 Carol Service and the KS2 Christmas Play, the Good, the Bad and the Donkey. Once again the performances were of a very high standard; have we a few stars in the making? Thanks to Pauline and the PTA for providing refreshments at the play and all who helped tidy up on Tuesday evening.

### Hamper Appeal

The Banbridge branch of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank all the parents and pupils who supported their Christmas Food Appeal. Your generosity at this time is greatly appreciated.

### Admissions

The closing date for applications to Primary 1 for the 2018/9 school year is on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Application forms are available from the school now and can be returned as soon as possible. Parents of children due to start school in September 2018 should contact the school to arrange a visit.

*Nollaig Shona agus  
bliain úr faoi mhaise daoibh*

### Christmas Draw

This year a number of local businesses generously provided prizes for the PTA draw; the winners were:

1. £100 Hair & Beauty Next Generation- Caroline Furniss
2. Irish News All Star Jersey -Des Mulholland
3. SkyTrek Family Pass – Dympna Kearney
4. Dresscode Hat & Scarf – Bria Morgan
5. £25 Loughbrickland Clinic voucher – Ronan Gourley
6. Avenue One Beauty – Gary Connolly
7. Beckett's Food Hamper – Arty Simpson
8. Christmas Cake – Emma O'Kane
9. Beauty Products Rebecca Hand Toombs
10. Hamper Marie Campbell
11. Hamper Debbie O'Malley

The draw raised £870 for the PTA. **Thank you.**

### Dates for Your Diary

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Closing date for P1 applications
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Mid Term
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> February	First Confessions
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St Patrick's Day
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Holidays
School closes at 11.30am	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> April	School Reopens
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>
St Patrick's Loughbrickland at 6.00pm	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	First Communion
St Patrick's Loughbrickland at 11.00am	

School closes for the Christmas holidays on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11.30am**, however **No** buses will be operating in the morning OR at 11.30am.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

