

News Sheet



December 2018

Christmas 2018

Friday is the winter solstice and the last day of term. 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!!), the Primary 7 visit to St Patrick's College and St Colman's College (boys only) and the Primary 4 and Primary 5 classes have had a number of Shared Education events with Ballydown PS. This week we had the Christmas Play and Carol Service on Tuesday and Wednesday, while on Thursday 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 Christmas Play, "Whoops A Daisy Angel" and the KS2 Carol Service. 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 Wednesday evening.

Hamper Appeal

We would like to thank all who supported the Banbridge branch of St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Food Appeal. Your generosity (14 boxes of food and other items) at this time is greatly appreciated.

Admissions

The closing date for applications to Primary 1 for the 2019/20 school year is the **31st January 2019**. Application is now via the online portal at www.admissions.eani.org.uk/admissions

Parents of children due to start school in September 2019 should contact the school to arrange a visit.

School Meals

Our school cook, Pauline, would like to thank all parents and pupils for their support throughout 2018 and ask for your continued support in 2019. If you have a concern over menus, allergies, etc. please contact Pauline. Merry Christmas!

Christmas & PTA Events

We are indebted to the businesses and parents that donated prizes for the draws at the Christmas Fair and Christmas Plays and all who supported these events. Thanks especially, to the PTA members for all their work since Halloween. Caroline Burns and members of the PTA worked with each class in the two weeks leading up to the Craft Fair while the PTA members were the first to arrive and last to leave on Sunday 25th November. A fantastic **£2500** was raised at the Christmas Fair while the Christmas draw raised a further **£957!** Members also assisted at each of the performances of the play and carol service and organised the Christmas party for the children. A full list of the Christmas Draw prize winners is available in the school.

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 7 th January	School reopens
Thurs 31st January	Closing date for P1 applications
Mon 18 th –Fri 22 nd Feb	School Mid Term
<i>*Date for Reconciliation to be confirmed*</i>	
Mon 18 th March	St Patrick's Day
Thurs 18 th April	Easter Holidays
<i>School closes at 11.30am</i>	
Mon 29 th April	School Reopens
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th May	Confirmation
<i>St Patrick's Loughbrickland at 6.00pm</i>	
Mon 27–Wed 29 May	Mid-term
Saturday 8th June	First Communion
<i>St Patrick's Loughbrickland at 11.00am</i>	

School closes for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 21st December at 11.30am**, the Ballyvarley and Greenan buses will run at 11.30am and the Glasker bus at 12 noon.

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.



*Nollaig Shona agus
bliain úr faoi mhaise daoibh*