

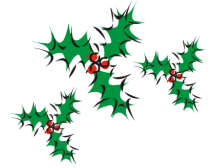


'Being the best that we can be'

'Friday Note'

Friday 16th December 2016

No.11



Looking back...

Christmas Bazaar

What a lovely evening and it really did put us all in the mood for Christmas! Thank you to all of you who came along and supported the event. It was such a success...at the last count we had raised a massive £3100 just from the bazaar! This is a fantastic amount of money particularly in the current financial climate. It brings the total amount raised by the PTA this term alone to over £4000! Thank you so much!

A big thank you to all of the local businesses who donated prizes for the 'Big wheel' and other stalls: Peter Corry and the Music box, The Belfast Giants, Dunmurry Dental Practice, McColgans' Foodhall (Strabane), Drumbo Park, Funtastic Carryduff, Jumping Jacks, St. Patrick's Parish Centre, La Maison Beauty, Magee Fitness, Lisburn Leisureplex, McCalls. Kelly's Rollerskating, JLo Tutoring, Rose and Poetry, Hibernia Landscapes, McVities, Peter Allen Photography.

A particular thank you to all of the PTA members who set up and worked at the Bazaar on the night...we couldn't have done it without you!

Unfortunately though we were disappointed that on the night of the bazaar a Christmas tree and some equipment in the Cool kids' playhouse was destroyed! We only discovered this on Friday morning and it is very lucky that no child was injured by the glass and debris on the floor of the house.

We know that this is a very rare occurrence in this school but we would like to remind parents that children must be accompanied at these school events and should be supervised at all times.

Dinner Money: increase in price

Unfortunately the price of a school dinner is going up from January 2017. The new cost of a dinner will be £2.55. This means that the cost of weekly dinners will be £12.75. We would like to remind that it is very helpful if all dinner money is paid on a Monday.

P1 Enrolment

Don't forget that enrolment for Primary 1 in September 2017 is now open. The closing date for all applications is Wednesday 11 January at 12noon. If you have a child for P1 next year please ensure that you have your application form in on time as exceptions cannot be made.

Lapland for Eva!

What a fantastic experience for one of our Primary 2 pupils on Wednesday when she had the trip of a lifetime to Lapland to meet Santa!

Christmas Dinner for over 320!

Yes how would you fancy making Christmas dinner for over 330 pupils? Well... that's just what Louisa and the fantastic team up in our canteen did this Wednesday! And what a lovely dinner it was,,,turkey, roasties, mash, stuffing, carrot, peas and gravy too! Dessert was ice cream and a festive shaped shortbread! We had crackers, music the lot! A big thank you to Louisa and the team for the lovely dinner and to all our lunchtime supervisors and staff for being waiters and waitresses on the day!

Panto Day

Another lovely day for all our children at the grand Opera house to see Cinderella. Once again our pupils were exemplary ambassadors for St. Joseph's on the day. A big thank you to Mrs Connolly for organising a super day for all the children and staff!



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A busy time for our choir!

Yes it's the time of year when our fantastic choir bring Christmas cheer all around Lisburn. This week they were at B & M bargains for only 30 minutes and managed to collect £177 for Charity! Well done! Look out for them in town next week.

Looking ahead...

Monday 19 December 2016	Tuesday 20 December 2016	Wednesday 21 December 2016	Thursday 22 December 2016	Friday 23 December 2016
6 sleeps 'til Christmas	5 sleeps 'til Christmas	4 sleeps 'til Christmas	3 sleeps 'til Christmas	2 sleeps 'til Christmas
8.15am Registration for term 2 after school activities in the assembly hall P1 visiting Santa at the Linen centre. Mrs McManus at 9.30am Mrs Gorman at 10.45am P5 – P7 Christmas Mass in the assembly hall with Fr Brian	Island Centre carol Concert at 7pm P2 visiting Santa in the Linen centre Miss McAnerney at 9.30am Miss Beatty at 10.45am	Last day of school! See pick up details below for pick up arrangements P3 visiting Santa in the Linen centre Miss Clarke at 9.30am Ms Kitt at 10.45am	School closed! It's the Christmas holidays! 	School closed! It's the Christmas holidays! 

Pick Up Arrangements for Wednesday

In order to ensure a safe pick up for all children we have staggered the pick up times as follows:

P1 and P2 children with NO SIBLINGS should be picked up at 11.30am

- ✓ P1 at back car park
- ✓ P2 at top of the lane

All other children can be picked up at 11.45am at their normal pick up points

❖ **Remember all pupils are back to school on Monday 9 January 2017!**

It's the final 'Friday Note' of the year! And on behalf of all of our staff and governors, I would like to sincerely thank you for all your support this term. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Have a lovely Christmas break and see you all in January 2017.

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