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Friday 15th December 2023

Early Closure

Don't forget that school will close at 2pm this Tuesday 19th December for all pupils.

**On Thursday 21st December school will finish at 11am for the Christmas holidays.
This will be a non-uniform day.**

Christmas Plays

Well done to all the boys and girls in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 who put on brilliant Christmas shows for everyone on Thursday and Friday.

Thank you very much for the generous donations which will go towards our school funds.

KS2 Christmas Plays

The Primary 5, 6 and 7 Christmas show will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 1.15pm in the Auditorium.

Due to restricted seating in the Auditorium, we can only allow 2 adults per child to attend.

There will be no charge for the school plays but we would appreciate any donations you may wish to make on the day.

Afterschool Clubs

There will be no afterschool clubs next week. A list of the clubs available after the Christmas holidays will be sent home on Monday.

School Milk Scheme

The School Milk Scheme will continue after the Christmas break. Cost of milk will be 21p per day for a carton and will be given to pupils at breaktime every day. Milk must be paid for in advance and will run from Friday 5th January to Friday 9th February (inclusive). The total cost for next term will be £5.46 and should be paid through ParentPay before Wednesday 20th December. Please note we cannot take any orders after this date as we have to pre order the milk with Dale Farm.

Volunteers Needed

We are putting together a list of Parent/Grandparent volunteers who would be available to help on school outings, for example to Larne Library etc. We would require that any volunteers complete an Access NI check (no cost). If you would be available and would like to put your name forward, please contact the School Office for more information.



Monday 18TH December 2023

School Dinners -

CHRISTMAS PARTY BOX

Chicken Nuggets or Sausages,
Chips & Corn on the Cob

Festive Biscuit & Ice Cream Tub

(Pay on ParentPay as normal for school dinners)



Hurling Sessions

Dominic McKinley will return to take hurling sessions for Primary 4 to Primary 7 from Friday 5th January. If your child has a hurling helmet, please send this into school on Fridays with them (with names on). Hurls are not required initially. **All children should wear their school uniforms and bring trainers in a bag.**

Sickness

If your child becomes unwell please follow the infection control advice from PHA which states that you should and keep your child at home for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

No Dogs Policy

A polite reminder that no dogs are allowed in the school grounds as per our school policy.

First Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation Dates 2024

Please note the confirmed dates for sacraments in 2024:

Monday 29th January – Primary 7 Service of Light at 7pm in St MacNissi's Church

Wednesday 7th February – Primary 7 Confirmation at 12 noon in St MacNissi's Church

Wednesday 28th February – Primary 3 First Confession at 1.30pm in St MacNissi's Church

Saturday 11th May – Primary 4 First Holy Communion at 11am in St MacNissi's Church



Christmas Raffle

The PTA are running a Christmas Raffle and we are still taking donations. If you or anyone you know would like to donate a prize or a voucher, please leave into the school office. Thank you for your support!



The pupils have all received some raffle tickets to bring home to sell for the PTA Christmas Raffle. Please return your tickets on Monday 18th December. More tickets available from the school office.

Here are some of the fantastic prizes on offer with more prizes being added every day!

TOP PRIZE: Stena Line gift voucher for a return crossing for a car and 4 passengers

Boiled Gas – Peter Wilkinson - £60 gift voucher for an oil or gas boiler service
Perfections, Larne - £30 gift voucher
2 x £25 gift vouchers for the Curran Court Hotel, Larne
4 x £10 gift vouchers for Eurospar, Viking Lodge
3 x Family swim gift vouchers for any leisure centre in the Mid & East Antrim Council Area
£10 gift voucher for Bake, Larne
£25 gift voucher for Funhouse Treats, Larne (Bouncy Castle Hire)
Signed Larne FC Football
Fairy Tails Hair & Beauty gift vouchers (Wash & Blow Dry and Unicorn Braids)
Christmas Teddy Bear
Baylis & Harding Fuzzy Duck Gift Set
Bottles of wine and prosecco

Thank you to all the parents and local businesses for your support!

December 2023

Tuesday 19th December – School finishes at 2pm for all pupils

Wednesday 20th December – Primary 5, 6 and 7 – Christmas Play at 1.15pm in the Auditorium

Thursday 21st December – Finish for Christmas holidays at 11am

January 2024

Thursday 4th January – Back to School – Finish at 11am.

Friday 5th January – Normal school hours

Friday 5th January – P4 to P7 classes - Hurling Sessions will commence every Friday

Thursday 11th January – Primary 7 – Swimming lessons begin at Larne Leisure Centre

Friday 12th January – Primary 7 – Trip to Parliament Building, Stormont

Tuesday 16th January – Primary 5 – Visit to Larne Library

Wednesday 17th January – Primary 7 – Visit to Larne Library

Thursday 25th January – Primary 4 – Special Assembly at 1.15pm

Monday 29th January – Primary 7 Service of Light at 7pm in St MacNissi's Church

February 2024

Thursday 1st February – PTA Table Quiz in the Bodega

Friday 2nd February – NSPCC – Number Day

Friday 2nd February – Schools Hurling Competition

Wednesday 7th February – Primary 7 – Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday 9th February – PTA Wear What You Love Day

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half Term Break

Sunday 25th February – School Choir – Peace Proms at the SSE Arena 7pm

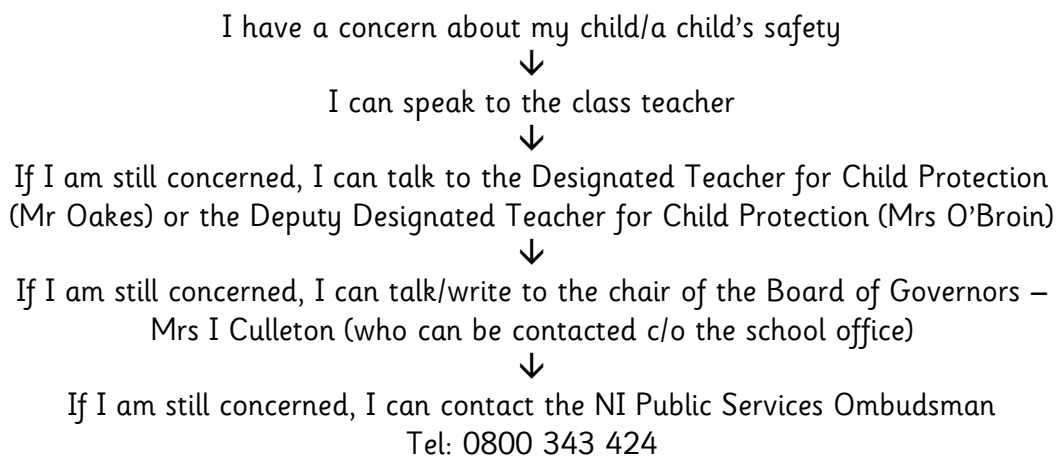
Wednesday 28th February – Primary 3 – Sacrament of First Confession at 1.30pm

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Should you have concerns about your own or another child inside or outside of school, this should be reported in the first instance to Mr Oakes (DT) or in his absence Mrs O'Broin (DDT).

If you have immediate concerns outside school time (weekends, holidays, evenings) do not hesitate to call the Referral Gateway Team on **0300 1234 333** or **028 9442 4459** or the PSNI Central Referral Unit on **028 9025 9299** or **101 Ext 30299**.

In St. MacNissi's, we aim to work closely with parents/guardians in supporting all aspects of their child's development and well-being. Any concerns a parent may have will be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional and confidential manner. Should you have a safeguarding concern, please follow the steps below.



Nut Allergies

We have several children in school who suffer from nut and other allergies. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food group in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. Consequently, we must ask that you do not send nuts or nut products into school (either for healthy break or packed lunch). This includes peanut paste, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts such as cereals and muesli bars. This is particularly relevant now that children are eating lunches in their classrooms. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Some people, especially those allergic to peanuts, may have allergic reactions after eating lupin or foods containing ingredients from lupin.

Our school catering team have requested that parents advise if their child has an allergy related to this.

PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS CHRISTMAS PARTY BOX ON MONDAY 18th DECEMBER



EAT SMART WITH **THE LUNCH BUNCH**

ea catering
WEEK 1

Week commencing
AUG 28, SEPT 25, OCT 23,
NOV 20, DEC 18, JAN 22

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES

Savoury
Mince

Or

Italian Chicken &
Tomato Pasta & Garlic
Bread

SIDES

Baton Carrot/Salad

Mashed Potatoes

DESSERT

Banana Yoghurt Pot

TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Classic Margherita
Pizza

Or

Fish Goujon in Soft Shell
Taco & Zingy Tomato
Salsa

SIDES

Baked
Beans/Salad/Coleslaw

Chipped Potatoes/
Baked Potato

DESSERT

Strawberry Mousse &
Fruit

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES

Roast Chicken

Or

Chicken Casserole

SIDES

Carrots & Parsnip/Savoy
Cabbage

Mashed Potatoes/Oven
Roast Potato

DESSERT

Strawberry Jelly, Ice
Cream & Fruit

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES

Lunch Bunch Chicken
Curry & Naan Bread

Or

Chicken Panini

SIDES

Garden Peas/Sweetcorn

Steamed Rice/Oven
Baked Wedges

DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge &
Custard

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES

Hot Dog

Or

Crispy Cod Fishcakes

SIDES

Tomato
Ketchup/Coleslaw/Salad

Chipped Potatoes/Baked
Potato

DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Pot &
Biscuit

Christmas

Movie

Saturday 16 December, 2pm - 4pm

Larne Town Hall

Tickets £2

midandeastantrim.gov.uk/Christmas

A festive poster for a children's Christmas party. It features a cartoon Santa Claus in a red suit with a white fur trim, holding a gift. To his left is a decorated Christmas tree with white and red ornaments. Above the tree are several large, glowing Christmas ornaments in white, blue, and red. The background is a dark blue sky with white stars and snowflakes. At the bottom, there are several wrapped gifts in red, white, and blue.

**LARNE LOUGH
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Children's Christmas Party

**FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER
6.30PM - 8.30PM
LARNE MARKET YARD**

Disco Party, Magic Show
and Balloon Modelling
by Carnival Promotions

**FREE SELECTION BOXES
AND A VISIT FROM SANTA**

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS OF AGE
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

ADMISSION: ONLY €1

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**COMmUNITY
FORUM**



Larne CCC

Christmas

Fair



Saturday 16th



3pm - 6pm



1-5 Doric Way

Visit with Santa & his
elves, Face Painting, Jump,
Jiggle & Jive, Glitter
Tattoos, Refreshments &
much more!

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