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StMacNissisPSLarne

Friday 2nd December 2022

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

This week's Stars are:



P1 Niamh K

P2 Orla M

P3 Darcy M

P4 Adam M

P5 Leo C

P6 Caolan G

P7 Tommy M  Conor C

Staff Development Day

Please remember school will be closed this Monday 5th December 2022 for Staff Development Day.

Stationery

As we approach the end of the first term we would appreciate if parents had a look through their child's pencil case and replenish items where necessary - including pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, and colouring pencils. All children should have a glue stick (preferably PRITT brand) and Key Stage Two children should have a pair of small scissors.

Homework

Practices for the Christmas Shows is well underway. We are very proud of all of the children. These shows cover many aspects of our literacy and Arts curriculum as well as providing the children with unforgettable experiences and wonderful memories. We will pause formal written homework during the month of December to facilitate the extra learning necessary with acting scripts and song words. Children must continue with weekly spellings, Mathletics, Accelerated Reader and reading. We hope that you are looking forward to the shows as much as we are.

Christmas Play Audience

We will be able to accommodate a maximum of **3** adults per child for the Christmas shows. This also applies to the Key Stage Two show in the auditorium.

Open Night

We welcome all new potential pupils and their parents to our School Open Night which will take place on **Wednesday 7th December 2022 from 5pm to 7pm.**

Please help us by spreading the word among your family and friends.

If your child received a permission slip to assist at the Open Evening and would like to help, please return the slip by Tuesday.



**We welcome all
new admissions**

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New School Website

Our new school website is now live and in order for this to appear more readily on searches please click the link below.

<https://www.stmacnissisps.com/>

Mystery Readers Wanted!

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents who have been in touch to volunteer as a Mystery Reader. We are still taking names so if you would like to come into Primary 1 and Primary 2 and read a story to the children, please leave your name and contact number at the School Office. This can be a story your child loves or a book of your choice.

This must all be kept a top secret from the children so if anyone does come into school, it is a lovely surprise for them!

St MacNissi's Community Champions

We are still looking for members of our community to speak to all the children during our weekly assembly.

We hope to invite a visitor from the community in every 2-3 weeks.

If you have a job or role within the community and would like to share information about this with our pupils at one of our assemblies, we would really appreciate you getting in touch with the School Office.

Access NI Applications

If you applied for Access NI to volunteer within the school, could you please check the status of your application. Once you receive your Access NI Certificate, we would require a copy of this for our records.

Learn and Play Afterschool Club

Our Learn and Play afterschool club will continue this Tuesday 6th December 2022. Payment can only be made on Pay360 and this will open on Friday 2nd December 2022 at 1pm and close on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 9am.

Christmas Pantomime – Aladdin

On Tuesday 13th December the school will be attending Aladdin at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast. A letter has already been sent home with all pupils. A packed lunch will be required and a snack or treat to eat during the show. Payment can be made through Pay360. Please return the permission forms once payment has been made.

Primary 7 Woodhall Trip

All Primary 7 pupils have received information about their Woodhall Trip in March. A payment plan has been set up on Pay360. Parents can either make payment in full or pay in instalments. If you have any issues with payment, please speak to the School Office and we can arrange a payment plan to suit.

St MacNissi's Facebook Page

Please follow our Facebook Page 'St. MacNissi's Primary School – Larne' and please 'like' our posts – it will keep you up to date with what is going on in school and the fun activities the pupils are participating in.

First Holy Communion Date

It has been confirmed with Fr O'Brien that the Primary 4 pupils will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May 2023 at 11am in St MacNissi's Chapel.

P6 Swimming Lessons

Primary 6 pupils swimming lessons will continue on Thursday 8th December 2022 this should be paid through Pay360. Parents can pay weekly (£4 per week). Pay 360 will open on Friday 2nd December at 9am and will close on Thursday 8th December at 9am for the next session.

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club is available every morning and is on a pay as you go basis. The cost is £2 per day and runs from 8am – 8:50am. You can pay your weekly breakfast club payment at the beginning of the week however you must sign your child in as you drop them off each day.

Pay 360 and Free School Meals

Pay360 will continue to be used for dinner payments. We will also use this system for swimming, some clubs and various other things throughout the year.

Please pay during the designated time for the week ahead, this week (Friday 1pm – Monday 9.00am).

If any parents are still having issues with the Pay360 please call to the School Office.

If your child receives Free School Meals, **please remember** you still need to order their school meal through Pay360 every week.

Attendance

If your child is off school due to sickness or any other reason, please phone the School Office to inform us on the first day of their absence. **Our attendance records are legal documents and so any absence must be followed up with a letter giving a reason for the absence on the day the pupil returns to school**



Children's Christmas Shopping Event

Monday 19th December 2022



As our PTA Christmas shopping event gets closer there are a few things to note. Children can buy up to **two** gifts initially (these are all new, unused items). The gifts range in price from £1 to £5 and will be clearly laid out so the children can see how much each item costs. It is up to you how much money you want to send in with your child – we recommend anything between £2 and £15 (£15 will be the maximum that they could spend if buying three £5 gifts). There will be a chance to purchase more than two items later on in the day.

Christmas Raffle

Every child has received Christmas Raffle tickets. If you require anymore, please call at the School Office. Thanks to those who have donated so far, including **Curran Court Hotel, Woodsides, Caroline Smyth Photography, Perfections, Larne Omniplex, Jungle NI, The Music Yard, Glenarm Castle, CS Sports, Woodsides, Cairndhu Golf Club, Pirates Crazy Golf, Cape Cod, World of Owls, Larne Lesiure Centre, Dundonald Ice Bowl and more.**

Split the Pot

We are running another Split the Pot – next draw on Monday 19th December. A brown envelope has been sent home with each child. Only one £1 coin should be put in each envelope and a name clearly written on the front. One envelope is chosen and the winner will receive half the money collected. The other half goes straight to PTA funds.



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.

I have a concern about my child/a child's safety



I can speak to the class teacher



If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mr Oakes) or the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs O Broin)



If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the chair of the Board of Governors – Mrs I Culleton (who can be contacted c/o the school office)



If I am still concerned, I can contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman
Tel: 0800 343 424

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.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 5th December – Staff Development Day (no pupils)

Wednesday 7th December – Open Night 5pm to 7pm – all new potential pupils and parents' welcome

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Pantomime at the Waterfront Hall – letter sent home with all pupils – payment can be made on Pay360 – permission forms to be returned when payment is made

Wednesday 14th December – School Christmas Dinner **(Christmas jumper or accessories)**

Thursday 15th December – Primary 3 and Primary 4 Christmas Play at 1.30pm
(Suggested Donation £2 per adult)

Friday 16th December – Primary 1 and Primary 2 Christmas Play at 1.30pm
(Suggested Donation £2 per adult)

Monday 19th December – Children's Christmas Shopping Event & Special Visitor **(Christmas jumper or accessories)**


Tuesday 20th December – Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7 – Christmas Play at 12 noon in the Auditorium (Suggested Donation £2 per adult) finishing at 1.30pm – **whole school will finish at 1.30pm**. (Foundation and Key Stage One children will be kept in their classrooms until they are collected by parents attending the play).

All children in Key Stage Two to be collected from their classroom doors after the show.


Thursday 22nd December – 11am finish for Christmas Holidays – non uniform day (no bus or dinners on this day).

Friday 23rd December – Thursday 5th January – Christmas Break (inclusive)

Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	5 th December	6 th December	7 th December	8 th December	9 th December
Week 3	School closed for Staff Development Day	Fish Fingers or Irish Stew & Wheaten Bread Baked Beans/Swetcorn Mashed Potato Tossed Salad Swiss Roll filled with Yoghurt and Fruit	Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roasted & Mashed Potato Rice Pudding and Melody Of Fruit	Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread, Garden Peas or Chicken Baguette with Salad Selection & Half Baked Potato Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection	Steak Burger with Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuit & Fresh Fruit Chunks
	12 th December	13 th December	14 th December	15 th December	16 th December
Week 4	Spaghetti Bolognaise with Crusty Bread or Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap Half Baked Potato with cheese Tossed Salad Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Ginger Cookie	BUFFET: Chicken Goujon Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Crusty Bread Corn on the Cob Fruit Muffin & Milkshake	Christmas Dinner See poster below for more details	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread, Garden Peas Or Savoury Mince Garden Peas Mashed Potato Fruit Crumble & Custard	Breaded Chicken Bites Or Chicken & Cheese Panini Baked Beans Chipped/Baked Potato Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit

Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19 th December	20 th December	21 st December	22 nd December	23 rd December
Week 1	Margherita Pizza or Fish Fingers Sweetcorn Salad Chipped Potato Ice Cream Sponge Roll	Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry Sweetcorn or Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit (alternative lunch for KS2) School Finishes at 1.30pm	Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Florets Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Popcorn Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes	School will finish at 11am for the Christmas Holidays	School closed
AFTER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS					6 th January
Week 3					Steak Burger with Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuit & Fresh Fruit Chunks

PRIMARY CHRISTMAS DINNER



PRICE: £2.63



ROAST TURKEY, STUFFING,
COCKTAIL SAUSAGES, PEAS,
BATON CARROTS,
MASHED & OVEN BAKED ROAST
POTATOES & TURKEY GRAVY
(SPECIAL DIETS WILL BE CATERED
FOR)

DESSERT OF THE DAY
CARTON OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE

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Christmas

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