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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Very well done to all our Stars of the Week!

**This week's Stars are:**



P1 Ella M  
P2 Jacob S  
P3 Noah H  
P4 Emily M  
P5 Aoife W  
P6 Joshua U  
P7 Abigail W

### **School Christmas Dinner**

**Please remember Christmas Dinner for all pupils will be served on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and needs to be booked through Pay360. Christmas Jumper or accessories can be worn.**

### **Confirmation Date**

It has been confirmed that the Primary 7 pupils will celebrate their Confirmation on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 12 noon in St MacNissi's Chapel. We will provide an update on the Service of Light in due course. This is likely to be held on an evening during the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Special Assembly**

We welcome back our Special Assembly, this time it will be Primary 3 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1.15pm.

### **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.

## **Christmas Pantomime – Aladdin**

We are all looking forward to attending Aladdin on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast. Please remember a snack is required for during the pantomime and a packed lunch (if you are in receipt of Free School Meals and have requested a packed lunch this will be given out on the day). All children to be collected as normal on the day.

## **Open Night**

Thank you to all the boys and girls who came to help at our Open Night on Wednesday. We received lots of very positive feedback about the behaviour and manners of our pupils which is always lovely to hear.

It was a very successful night!

## **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**

Thank you to Alistair and John from the NIFRS who visited last week to talk to our pupils. The boys and girls really enjoyed finding out all about what is involved in the job of a firefighter!

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

If you have a job or role 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 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Payment can be made on Pay360 and this will open on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 1pm and close on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 9am.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11am in St MacNissi's Chapel.

### P6 Swimming Lessons

Primary 6 pupils swimming lessons will finish on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Pay 360 will open on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9am and will close on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Breakfast Club will run up to and including Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

### 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**

### Term 2 After School Clubs

We are currently organising a timetable of after school clubs for next term. Details of these will be sent home next week.



## Children's Christmas Shopping Event

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Special Visitor

The PTA have organised an exciting day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Not only is this the shopping event but we also have a special visitor coming to school and a very special treat for our boys and girls.

The cost of this will be £2.50 per child.

This will include a professional picture with Santa, a selection box and a very special treat which we know that everyone will enjoy!

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> December.

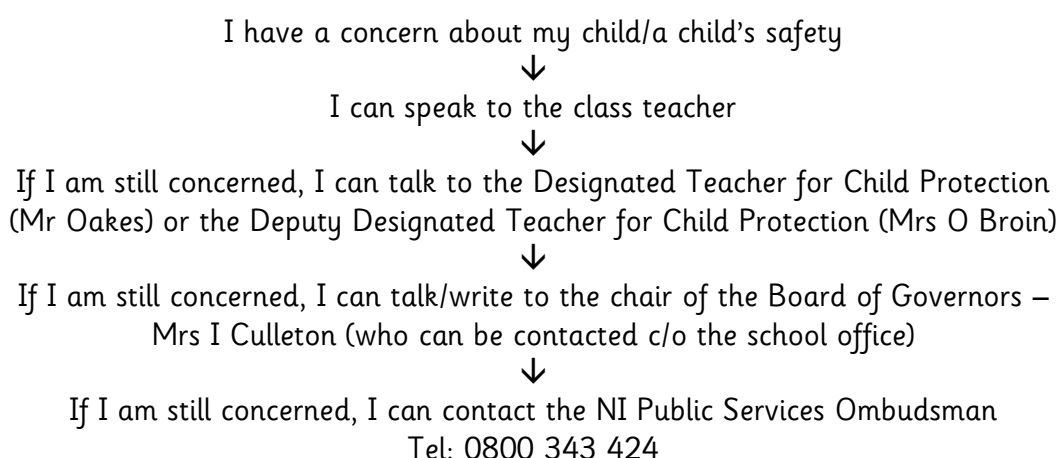
A brown envelope has been sent home with each child. Only one £1 coin should be put in each envelope and a name clearly written on the front. One envelope is chosen and the winner will receive half the money collected. The other half goes straight to PTA funds.

## 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.



## 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



### December

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner **(Christmas jumper or accessories)**

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

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

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

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 11am finish for Christmas Holidays – non uniform day (no bus or dinners on this day).

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas Break (inclusive)


### January 2023

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January – All children return to school

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Primary 7 trip to Parliament Buildings Stormont - details to follow

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Primary 3 Special Assembly at 1:15pm

## Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	12 <sup>th</sup> December	13 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December	15 <sup>th</sup> December	16 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Week 4</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese 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	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> 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
	19 <sup>th</sup> December	20 <sup>th</sup> December	21 <sup>st</sup> December	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	23 <sup>rd</sup> December
<b>Week 1</b>	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) <b>School Finishes at 1.30pm</b>	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	<b>School will finish at 11am for the Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>School closed</b>

# 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

Happy  
Christmas



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