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StMacNissisPSLarne

Friday 16th December 2022



Christmas Shopping Event & Special Visitor

Don't forget it's our Christmas Shopping Event on Monday and the children will have an opportunity to purchase some Christmas gifts. The gifts will range from £1 to £5 each.

We will also have a special visitor calling in during the day to see all the boys and girls.

All pupils will get a picture with Santa, a selection box and a really exciting treat! The cost will be £2.50 per child which they can bring on the day and give to their class teacher.

We hope this will be an enjoyable and memorable day for all the children.

Christmas Shows

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas Shows performed by the boys and girls from Foundation Stage and Key Stage One. We are very proud of everyone for all of their hard work.

We are looking forward to the Key Stage Two play on Tuesday afternoon.

Primary 7 – Trip to Parliament Buildings, Stormont

On Tuesday 10th January 2023 the Primary 7 pupils will be heading to Parliament Buildings, Stormont for a presentation and tour. The bus will leave school at 9.30am and return about 12.30pm. There will be no charge of this trip.

Confirmation Date

It has been confirmed that the Primary 7 pupils will celebrate their Confirmation on Wednesday 1st 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 20th February.

Special Assembly

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

Christmas Play Audience

We will be able to accommodate a maximum of **3** adults per child for the Christmas show in the auditorium.

Mystery Readers Wanted!

We are introducing Mystery Readers to Primary Three and Primary Four throughout January

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 in 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

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 19th December and Tuesday 20th December 2022. Payment can be made on Pay360 and this will open on Friday 16th December 2022 at 1pm and close on Monday 19th December 2022 at 9am.

First Holy Communion Date

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

P7 Swimming Lessons

Primary 7 pupils will begin swimming lessons on Thursday 12th January – more details will be sent home next week.

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 22nd 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 before the Christmas break.



Children's Christmas Shopping Event

Monday 19th December 2022



Our PTA Christmas shopping event gets takes place on Monday. 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 19th 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 – ENTRY CLOSES ON MONDAY

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



December

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)


January 2023

Friday 6th January – All children return to school

Tuesday 10th January – Primary 7 trip to Parliament Buildings Stormont - details to follow

Friday 27th January – Primary 3 Special Assembly at 1:15pm

Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19 th December	20 th December	21 st December	22 nd December	23 rd December
Week 1	<p>Margherita Pizza or Fish Fingers</p> <p>Sweetcorn Salad Chipped Potato</p> <p>Ice Cream Sponge Roll Watermelon Chunks</p>	<p>Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry</p> <p>Sweetcorn or Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes</p> <p>Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit (alternative lunch for P5, P6 & P7)</p> <p>Roast Beef or Chicken Baguette Muffin, Yoghurt & Fruit Carton of Juice School Finishes at 1.30pm</p>	<p>Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails</p> <p>Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Florets Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato</p> <p>Popcorn Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes</p>	School will finish at 11am for the Christmas Holidays	School closed
After the Christmas Holidays					6 th January
Week 3					<p>Burger in a Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake</p> <p>Chipped Potatoes Beans</p> <p>Biscuit Ice Cream & Fruit</p>

