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StMacNissiPSLarne

Friday 22nd December 2022

We have had a busy term here filled with lots of learning and fun. There has been so much going on and it has been lovely to welcome all kinds of visitors and members of our community into school.

I would like to say a very big thank you to our whole school staff for their unending dedication to the education and welfare of the children whilst here at St MacNissi's. Thank you!

This term ended on a high with our Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two performances. The children, supported by their teachers and assistants, gave three fantastic performances to the school community, parents and carers. The singing, dancing and acting was incredible.

The festive celebrations continued in school with the PTA Christmas sleigh ride and shopping event. Thank you to our PTA for organising such successful events within school and raising important funds which go towards new resources and equipment within school.

Thank you to our parents, carers and wider families for your continued support throughout this term. It is always appreciated.

Our boys and girls have worked very hard and we are so proud of them. I hope that they have a restful break with lots of joy and happiness.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

J Baxter

Split the Pot – WINNER

The December winner of Split the Pot was **Rowan P1** who won £37 – thank you to everyone who took part we really appreciate your support.

After school clubs

After school clubs will begin on Monday 9th January 2023. Booking will open on Pay360 on Thursday 22nd December at 1pm and close on Friday 6th January at 10am.

Please see timetable below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2.00 – 3.00pm	Football Skills (with Larne FC Coaches)	Art & Crafts	Construction Club – Lego, K'nex, Meccano
Classes:	P1 and P2	P1 and P2	P1 and P2
Cost and Payment	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)
Places available:	25	15	15

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3.00 – 4.00pm	Football Skills (with Larne FC Coaches)	Art & Crafts	Construction Club – Lego, K'nex, Meccano
Classes:	P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7	P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7	P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7
Cost and Payment	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)	Pay360 £3 per session (5 week block)
Places available:	25	20	20
Dates:	Week 1: 09/01/23 Week 2: 16/01/23 Week 3: 23/01/23 Week 4: 30/01/23 Week 5: 06/02/23	Week 1: 10/01/23 Week 2: 17/01/23 Week 3: 24/01/23 Week 4: 31/01/23 Week 5: 07/02/23	Week 1: 11/01/23 Week 2: 18/01/23 Week 3: 25/01/23 Week 4: 01/02/23 Week 5: 08/02/23

P7 Swimming Lessons

Primary 7 pupils will begin swimming lessons on Thursday 12th January – a letter has been sent home with all the pupils giving details of dates and payment.

Schools NI App Messaging Service

We had hoped to have our messaging service up and running by now, but we are still waiting for some parents to return their permission forms. Please can you ensure that you have done so. If you have not your child will have been given a copy of the form to take home last week.

Please continue to check your emails for updates.

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.

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.

Special Assembly

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

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.

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!

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.

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

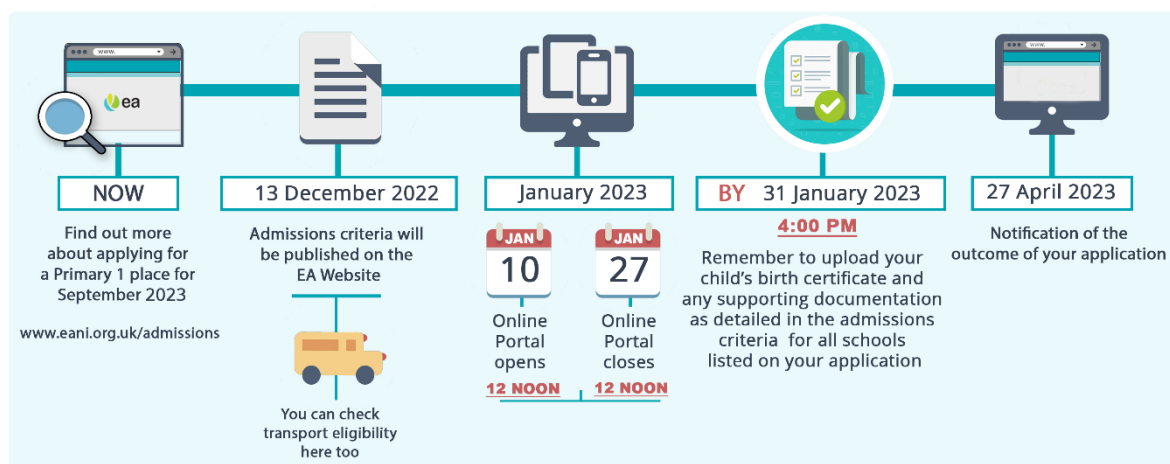
If your child is off school due to sickness or any other reason, please phone the School Office to inform us on the first day of their absence. **Our attendance records are legal documents and so any absence must be followed up with a letter giving a reason for the absence on the day the pupil returns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



KEY DATES FOR PARENTS – APPLYING FOR PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION – SEPTEMBER 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 are compulsory school age in September 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 can apply for a place in a reception class

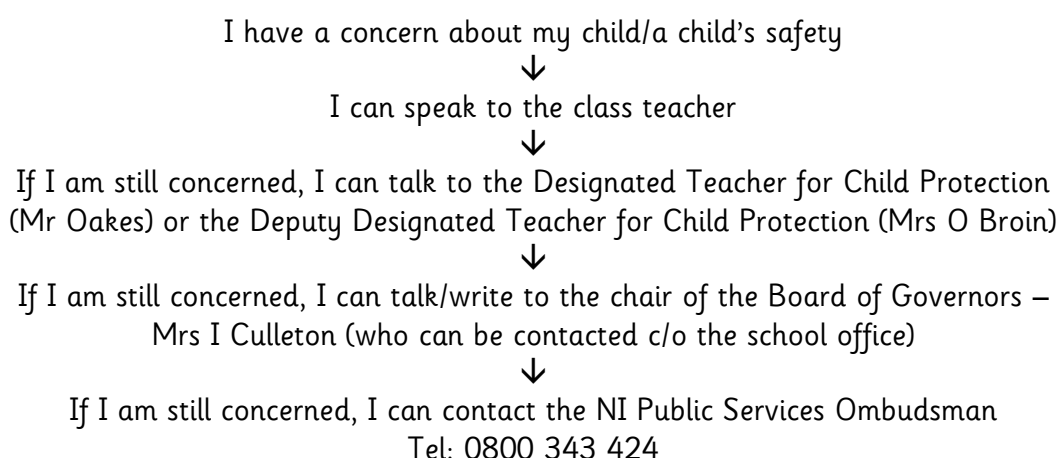


Child Protection and Safeguarding

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

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

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

Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After the Christmas Holidays					6 th January
Week 3					Burger in a Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake Chipped Potatoes Beans Biscuit Ice Cream & Fruit



Larne Foodbank will be closed from 23rd December at 12:00 noon and will be opening again on the 3rd January at 1:00pm for our afternoon session. If you need emergency help during the holiday please contact the Foodbank on the emergency telephone 📞 07443435404 We wish you all a very blessed Christmas and New Year.