



St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

December 2022 Newsletter

Holidays - School will close at 11am on Wednesday 21st December for the Christmas holidays. There will be no buses home or dinners that day. School re-opens on Thursday 5th January 2023.

Children's Parish Mass - Next Mass takes place on Sunday 4th December at 11:00am in Holy Cross Church.

First Holy Communion - takes place on Saturday 6th May. Mrs McGirr's class at 11am and Mr Hanna's class at 2pm.

Christmas Dinner - will be served on Thursday 8th December. Price is £2.60. As it is non-uniform day, children may wear Christmas jumpers on this day or alternatively green and red colours.

Nativity - P1 pupils will perform the Nativity on Thursday 8th December at 10:30am in the school assembly hall. Families welcome.

Christmas Show - This year both Primary 4 classes will perform 'Stable Story', while P6SMA will showcase 'Primary School Musical'. The show takes place on Tuesday 13th December at 6:30am in the school assembly hall. A matinee show will take place on the same day at 10:45am. Tickets cost £5 per person and are available in the School Office from Wed 30th Nov.

Carol Service - The Children's Parish Choir has been busy after school on a Monday rehearsing for the Parish Carol Service under the instruction of Karen McElroy and Lisa McManus. The Carol Service takes place in Holy Cross Church on Thursday 15th December at 7pm.

Choir - Choir members will travel to Killadeas Nursing Home, Gortnacharn Nursing Home and to EuroSpar to provide residents and customers with some festive cheer in the lead up to Christmas. Dates to be confirmed.

Food Appeal - As part of our outreach into the community we are asking for donations of food. Each child may bring in one item of food. All food items will be collected together and

we hope to provide food hampers from the primary school and Nursery to present to the local foodbank. Your generosity will be very much appreciated at this time.

Disco - The PTFA are organising a Christmas Disco for pupils which will be held during school time on Monday 19th December. Cost is £2 per child.

Quiz - Congratulations to our quiz team; Annie, Odhran, Owen and Daniel who won the Fermanagh competition of the Cumann na mBunscoil quiz. This is the first time the school has won this quiz and we congratulate the team on their fantastic achievement. They will now go ahead to the Ulster quiz heat in early 2023.

Halloween Story Competition - Congratulations to Oliver (P3), Senan (P4) and Blake (P5) who were winners of a Spooky Story competition held by Lisnaskea Library. Another fantastic achievement.

Lisnaskea Feis - The winners kept coming in from the Lisnaskea Feis, this time in Handwriting and Own Poetry. Congratulations to all our winners and to all those who took part. The school was joint winning school overall in the Handwriting competition.

Swimming - Mr Shannon's P7 class will start swimming lessons in the Lakeland Forum on Thursday 12th January 2023. Cost is £3 per week.

Daily Mile Santa Run - All classes will take part in this special 'Daily Mile' on 2nd December and children may come to school with Santa hats, reindeer antlers, tinsel etc.

Uniform - If anyone wishes to avail of donated items of school uniform please call into the school. Alternatively there will be a box in the foyer so that you can leave details (Name, clothes items required, sizes, telephone number). Some clothing and sizes may not be in supply.

Admissions 2023 - Admissions to Nursery and P1 for September 2023 open on **Tuesday 10th January 2023 at noon**. The process will close at noon on Friday 27th January. Applications after that will be considered as late applications. The process will take place online on the Education Authority website portal (www.eani.org.uk). To facilitate parents in making an application, the school can offer assistance in this process. Please call the school Office to

make an appointment. Details of our admissions criteria for Nursery and P1 will be available on the EA website from 13th December www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

Absence - It is important that children attend school daily unless feeling unwell. We are working on a tiered system of absence which was issued from the Department of Education. Children who are absent between 5% and 9.9% are considered 'At Risk' in their attendance. This equates to 1 - 2 days per month. The Education Welfare Officer visits the school once a month to discuss attendance and what actions have been taken to improve attendance.

Usual Weekly Activities during December

Monday	Children's Parish Choir 3 - 4pm
Tuesday	Musical Pathways (3MB, 3RF, 4AMG, 4PH)
Tuesday	Speech and Language Therapy
Tuesday	Basketball 3 - 4pm (P5)
Wednesday	Gaelic coaching KS2
Wednesday	Play Therapy
Thursday	Clarinet tuition (P5)
Friday	PE (P1 - P4) Four Corner Coaching
Friday	Swimming P7PF

On behalf of the Staff and Board of Governors we wish all children, parents and carers a very happy Christmas and Best Wishes in 2023.