

December (2) 2023

Dear parent,

The pupils have been working hard to prepare this year's Christmas Carol Service and we are all looking forward to their performance on Tuesday evening. Please read the information below on arrangements for dress rehearsal on Monday morning and for the event itself. Information regarding arrangements for this year's pantomime trip in January are also included in this newsletter.

FINAL CALL -AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS JAN - FEB

Tuesdays Playsport 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th January 6th February

Thursdays Max Coding 11th, 18th, 25th January 1st, 8th February

Please complete the google form below by **FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER** if you wish to register your child to attend.

<https://forms.gle/ZPh1Z5VC7j5ttuAM8>

Clubs will be cancelled by providers if there are insufficient numbers.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

Date: **Tuesday 12 December**

Venue: 1st Donegore Presbyterian Church

Time: 6.30pm

Event: A nativity and carol service led by our pupils and followed by refreshments in the church hall hosted by the congregation of 1st Donegore. This event is open to the whole community; all are welcome.

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 2PM FOR ALL PUPILS ON THIS DATE

Parents are asked to bring pupils to the church hall at **6pm** where they will be met by staff and wait with them until the beginning of the service. At the conclusion of the service pupils will be released to parents in the church, class by class, and should be supervised by parents whilst refreshments are served. Our thanks go to the catering team of 1st Donegore Presbyterian Church for providing the refreshments and for the time they are giving to this event.

Dress Rehearsal - Monday 11 December

Pupils should go directly to the church hall between 8.45am and 9.00am on this date.

P1-P3 Arrive dressed in your nativity costume and bring a normal set of uniform in a named bag. Pupils will be changed at the end of dress rehearsal; school joggers are preferred for ease of changing. Costumes will be returned home in readiness for the service on Tuesday evening. **Please ensure all items of clothing are named.** Remember to pack appropriate footwear for your child/ren to wear during the remainder of the school day and to bring a school coat as normal. (Pupils will be required to walk back to school.)

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P4-P7 All pupils should wear full uniform. A long-sleeved school shirt/blouse is preferred. Pupils should wear black trainers or black shoes. Pupils should also bring their sweatshirt and coat as normal.
Pupils will require their school bags for afternoon classes.

SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENTS

To assist with the smooth running of school lunches and due to the dress rehearsal on Monday 11 December please send payment, in cash only, for all remaining lunches of the term on dates listed below.

Monday 11 December – Tuesday 19 December Payment due 08.12.23

NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

After the Christmas break, we will be commencing menu on [week 2 for the 4 January 2024.](#)

The lunch menu for term 2A has been sent home with pupils and has been updated on the school website.

School lunches will be available to order on Thursday 4 January, payment on the day. All pupils will require a packed lunch on Friday 5 January due to the pantomime trip.

LAST DAY OF TERM/CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Date: Wednesday 20 December

The last day of term will be a **non-uniform day**. The pupils are encouraged to wear any of the following seasonal attire.

Christmas jumper or T-shirt

Christmas hat

Christmas headgear

Christmas hair accessory

Pupils will also be permitted to bring a treat break on this date.

As agreed by the PTA this is a fundraising event. All pupils should bring £1 on this date.

School will close at **12 noon on Wednesday 20 December** and re-open to pupils on **Thursday 4 January 2024.**

ANNUAL PANTOMIME

The annual pantomime is a highlight of the school year and we are delighted to return again on [Friday 5 January](#). Our pupils look forward to their trip to the Grand

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Opera House each year but, as collection time for pupils is 4.15pm, it is a long day for all pupils and staff.

To make the day more manageable therefore, all pupils should arrive at school on **Friday 5 January 2024** at **10.45am**.

There will be no school dinners on **Friday 5 January** as the pupils require an early lunch to arrive at the Grand Opera House on time. All pupils should **bring a packed lunch** on this date.

Date: Friday 5 January 2023

Time: 12.30pm – 4.15pm

School start time: All pupils **10.45am**

Collection: Pupils are to be picked up *from school* on their return.

Refreshments: Please provide each pupil with a strong plastic bag containing **one treat** e.g., a chocolate bar or packet of crisps or sweets etc. and one drink. No cans or glass bottles are permitted on the trip. We have been informed by the Opera House that no confectionary containing nuts can be taken into the auditorium.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please see the attached leaflet from Holestone Young Farmers Club.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12.12.23	Christmas Concert (6.30pm) School closes at 2pm for all pupils.
20.12.23	End of term – School closes at 12.00pm for all pupils and staff.
04.01.23	Term 2 begins.
04.01.24	Payment for school lunch today.(Week 2 – Thursday)
05.01.24	Annual Pantomime Grand Opera House All pupils start at 10.45am.
15.01.23	PTA meeting 7pm

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