

## November (4) 2024

Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

Good afternoon, I would like to thank you and our pupils for helping to prepare the school for Open Day 2024. Staff, children and parents have come together to promote our wonderful school. We hope that the families who visit us will choose to join the school community in September. Please read on to find information about upcoming events as we now race towards the Christmas break.

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

Date: Tuesday 10 December  
Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (in costume) to the church hall at **6pm** where they will be met by and supervised by staff. At the conclusion of the service parents should collect their child/ren from the church hall and supervise them whilst refreshments are served.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING –Taking photographs or video footage of the children is NOT PERMITTED.** Staff should not be placed in the position where they have to ask parents to delete images/videos and put personal devices away.

### Dress Rehearsal – Wednesday 4 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.)

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.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY P1-P7 WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER**

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Time: 1.00pm-**2.30pm**      **ALL PUPILS SHOULD BE COLLECTED AT 2.30PM**

We ask that every family donates two items costing approximately £1:00 for the Lucky Dip. These should be brought into school from Monday 2 December.

Pupils may bring up to £2 spending money to try their luck in the 'Christmas Lucky Dip.

***This is a non-uniform event.*** Pupils may choose to wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt or party clothes appropriate for party games.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 3 December. Pupils can wear festive headwear on that day.

## **SANTA STROLL**

The nationwide Santa Stroll is on Friday 6 December. Pupils should wear festive headwear as they stroll through the village.

## **LIBRARY VAN**

The mobile library van has returned to a two-week cycle. The next visit will be on Wednesday 11 December.

## **PTA NEWS**

The school raised an amazing £180 this year from the raffle for tickets to the Enchanted Winter Garden.

## **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**

Thank you to all the pupils who sang at the Parkgate and District Community Lights on Friday evening. You all sang wonderfully well and we are very proud of you. Thank you to the PTA for the Tractor Run. What a sight that was! It was a terrific success and raised over £730.

## **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.

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School will close at **12 noon on Friday 20 December** and re-open to pupils on **Monday 6 January 2025**.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

02.12.24	Bring in Lucky Dip prizes
03.12.24	Christmas Lunch
04.12.24	Dress Rehearsal
06.12.24	Santa Stroll
10.12.24	Christmas Concert (6.30pm) <b>School closes at 2pm for all pupils.</b>
11.12.24	Library Van
18.12.24	P1-P7 Christmas Party <b>All pupils collected at 2.30pm</b>
20.12.24	End of term – <b>School closes at 12.00pm for all pupils and staff.</b>
06.01.25	Term 2 begins.
10.01.25	Annual Pantomime Grand Opera House

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