



Learning & Growing Together

December Newsletter



Christmas Dinner

Our pupils will have their Christmas Dinner in school on Thursday 5th December. Children can wear Christmas jumpers. **PLEASE DO NOT BUY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS ESPECIALLY FOR THIS OCCASION!** If you don't have a Christmas jumper some tinsel on a regular jumper is perfect! This will be a very busy day for the Kitchen Staff who will have to prepare hundreds of meals! We would like to mention a special word of thanks to Nuala and everyone who works in the Kitchen who work hard all year to freshly prepare breakfast & lunches for the boys and girls in our school.

Primary 1 Applications for September 2020

Please see below for key dates for the application process:

Tuesday 7th January 2020 EA online portal opens @ 12 noon

Thursday 30th January 2020- EA online portal closes @ 12noon

Friday 7th February - last date which birth certificate and supporting documentation to be with first preference school

Miss School=Miss Out!

The Department of Education has shared information on why attendance at school is so important. Here are some of the ways parents can help in ensuring good levels of attendance...

- ✓ Establish a good routine in the morning and evenings so your child is prepared for the day ahead.
- ✓ Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- ✓ Ensure your child arrives to school on time- not late.
- ✓ Arrange dental and medical appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- ✓ Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness- this should be followed up with a written note.
- ✓ Do not take family holidays during term time.
- ✓ Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework). Attend parent teacher consultations and school events.
- ✓ Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- ✓ Always support school staff in their efforts to control; difficult or challenging behaviour.

NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

P1 are performing **Ralph the Reindeer** and P2 are performing **Shine Star Shine** these will take place in school on Monday 16th at 9.30 & 6.30pm

P3 are performing **Children of the World** and P4 are performing **It's A Cracker** These will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 9.30 am & 6.30pm.

Admission is by ticket only - there are a limited number of tickets for each performance, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are released on Tuesday 10th December, ticket request forms will go home on Monday 9th December.

Our Parish Christmas Carol Service will be held on Sunday 15th December, the school choir are singing at this event. Everyone is welcome.

FOOD INTOLERANCES

We have a number of children in school with allergies and food intolerances. Our kitchen/school meals staff are happy to accommodate your needs. We do however ask you keep us fully informed together with a diagnosis from a recognised medical practitioner. Parents and Carers are also required to complete consent and information forms for dietary needs. Please ensure the school is updated.



Staying in Touch



Information about school events are communicated through 'Schools NI' parent app, seesaw, Facebook, Twitter and our school website - www.stbrigidsprimaryschool.com.

It is parents' responsibility to sign up to these communication sites. If you have not already signed up to our new message app you will be sent another text message to do so this week, if you are having problems registering please let Mrs Moore know ASAP.

Paper notes and newsletters will not be sent out after February 2020. All communication between school and home will be digital.

Feedback from Online Questionnaire

Recently we conducted an online survey regarding positive behaviour and dealing with bullying behaviour concerns within our school. 51% of families accessed the survey. 26% of families responded to this survey.

The results are as follows:

Questions	Responses
My Child is happy and settled in school	72% Always 28% Often
My child feels safe in school.	91% Always 9% Often
The school sets clear expectations for pupil's behaviour	100% Agree
The children in St Brigid's Primary School are well behaved	42% Strongly Agree 58% Agree
If my child is unhappy his/her concerns are listened to and he/she is supported	82% Always 18% Sometimes
I am confident that the school will deal with complaints or concerns I may have.	47% Strongly Agree 53% Agree
There is good communication between school and parents if I raise a concern.	77% Always 23% Sometimes
I know the school is working hard to prevent any forms of bullying behaviour.	66% Strongly Agree 34% Agree
The school takes effective steps to respond to all forms of bullying behaviour.	49% Strongly Agree 40% Agree 11% Could not Comment

Over the coming Term we will continue to work with parents and children so we can improve the percentage of families who feel if their child is unhappy his/her concerns are **always** listened to and they are **always** supported. We will continue to build on the communication between home and school.

Safeguarding in St Brigid's PS

While Mrs Lloyd is off sick Mrs Miller will be acting up as Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

Mrs Devlin is the Nominated Designated Teacher.

Miss Connor is Teacher Responsible for Child Protection.

Mrs Martin is Designated Governor for Child Protection.



Important Dates for your Diary

4 th December	Open Night 6.30pm
5 th December	Christmas Dinner whole school home at 1:30pm
6 th December	Festive Friday
9 th December	ETI Inspection
12 th December	School Closed - Election Day
15 th December	Carol Service in St Patrick's Church
16 th December	P1 & P2 Christmas Shows 9.30am & 6.30pm
17 th December	Whole school at Peter Pan in the Lyric (late home)
18 th December	P3 & P4 Christmas Shows 9.30 am & 6.30pm
20 th December	End of Term 11am finish
7 th January	Start of term
1 st April	P7 receive the Sacrament of Confirmation



St Brigid's Primary School's

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 4th December
from 6.30pm - 8:00pm

Principals address 6:30pm in school hall

For the parents/guardians of children who will be going into Primary One in September 2020



St Brigid's P.T.A invites everyone to come along and get into the spirit of Christmas at:

FESTIVE FRIDAY

Date: Friday 6th Dec Time: 2pm - 4pm
Venue: School Hall Entry: £1 per person

Adults can enjoy:

- Tea/Coffee & delicious MINCE PIES
- Have a go at winning some 'goodies' on our TOMBOLA

For the children:

- Visit SANTA at his grotto & receive your GIFT!
- Many fun TREATS & PRIZES to be won at our 'Festive Games'

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL

Mrs Redmond remains on sick leave and would like to let all the boys & girls know that she is thinking of them all, especially this time of the year when a special someone is due to visit us all!



December Birthdays

Erynn, Holly, Alysha, Nicola, Zac, Kyla May, Rachel, Laura, Joe, Patrick, Callum, Erin, Ruby, Conor, Sarah, Kelia, Kayleigh, Katie, Rose, Ben, Anna, Dara, Adam, Emma, Gabriele.

