



**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 2021

Unfortunately due to Covid Restrictions, we are unable to have our annual open night. We will be posting a video to highlight some of the great aspects of school life in St. Brigid's Primary School. We will facilitate individual tours for those parents who have had no previous connections with St. Brigid's or who have special concerns that they would like discussed with the Principal or Senco.

Please see below for key dates for the application process:

Thursday 7th January 2021 EA online portal opens @ 12 noon

Friday 29th January 2021- EA online portal closes @ 12noon

Friday 5th February - last date which birth certificate and supporting documentation to be with first preference school

## Mathletics & Bug Club

We have subscribed to Mathletics an online numeracy programme and are currently piloting Bug Club an online reading resource. All classes are set up to access these fabulous resources. We are very keen that you endeavour to become familiar with these resources as they will prove to be invaluable to ensure learning can continue at an appropriate pace should schools have to go close due to Covid Restrictions.



## NATIVITY

P1 are performing 'It's A Party' on Wednesday 16th December. This will be recorded and uploaded to our website so that you can enjoy this special time and have a memory of your child's first year in St. Brigid's PS.

## Christmas Raffle

The Parents Association has organised a Christmas Raffle. This raffle has been a great success in past years and with your support it will be another great success this year. Tickets are on now sale.



## 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.stbrigidprimaryschool.com](http://www.stbrigidprimaryschool.com).

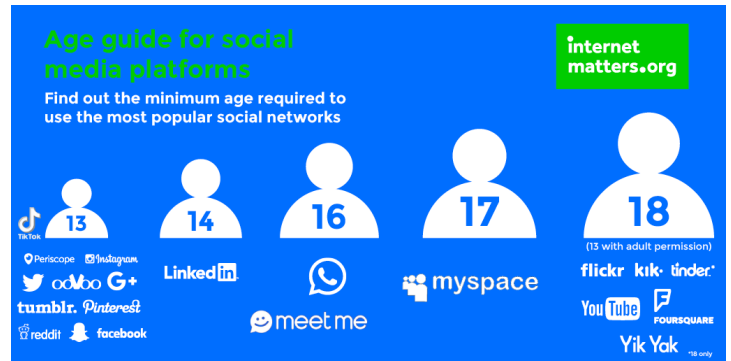
It is parents' responsibility to sign up to these communication sites. If you have not already signed up to our message app or if you are having problems registering please let Mrs Moore know ASAP.

## GL & AQE Assessments

Our Primary 7 children are due to sit the AQE & GL Assessment in January 2021. P7 staff and children have been working extremely hard with this extended preparation time. In light of the first test taking place on Saturday 9th January, we will be returning to school following the Christmas holidays on Monday 4th January rather than the original date of 6th January.

# Social Media

As we approach Christmas and new devices may be coming into the house, we thought it would be a good time to remind parents of the age restrictions for using different apps and games. We rely on parents to help our young people use ICT in a safe and positive way.



During November we celebrated Anti- Bullying Week. One of the activities was to design a poster around the Theme: United Against Bullying. Congratulations to our proud winners.

The Legal Definition of Bullying For Northern Ireland As Outlined In The 2016 Act is;

“(1) In this Act “bullying” includes (but is not limited to) the **repeated** use of -

- a) Any verbal, written or electronic communication
- b) Any other act, or
- c) Any combination of those,

by a pupil or group of pupils against another pupil or group of pupils, with the **intention** of causing physical or emotional **harm** to that pupil or group of pupils.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), “act” includes **omission**”.

We strive to provide a safe and happy environment for all our children. If something or someone is preventing you from being happy, please talk to your teacher or a member of the safeguarding team.

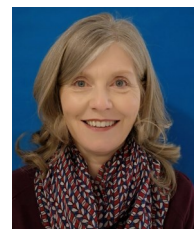
## Safeguarding in St Brigid's PS

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

Mrs Miller is the Deputy Designated Teacher.

Mrs McCavera is Teacher Responsible for Child Protection.

Mrs Martin is Designated Governor for Child Protection.





## Important Dates for your Diary

4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner for P2-6 see below for finishing times
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Wonderland
16 <sup>th</sup> December	PI Christmas Show recording
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of Term 11am finish
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of term
9 <sup>th</sup> January	First Transfer Test
15- 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Midterm Break
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Closed for St Patrick's Day
1st April	Start of Easter Holidays Children finish at 11am

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### Transfer Timetable

9 <sup>th</sup> January	AQE
16 <sup>th</sup> January	AQE
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	AQE
30 <sup>th</sup> January	GL
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Supplementary
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Results

### Staggered Finish times for Friday 4th December

Children will have staggered dinner times on Friday due to Christmas Dinners, in turn we will dismiss classes as follows:-

12.30 for Primary 7, 4, 2 and 1

12:45 for Primary 6/7, 5 and 3

1:00 for Primary 4/5, and 2/3

1.15 for Primary 6

Siblings to finish at later times.



## December Birthdays

Erynn, Holly, Eva, Zac, Kyla May, Rachel, Orla, Laura, Joe, Patrick, Amelia-Rose, Erin, Ruby, Conor, Sarah, Saoirse, Dylan, Kelia, Kayleigh, Rose, Ben, Anna, Dara, Emma, & Gabriele.

