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DATES FOR DIARY

Friday 2nd: All children walking to the post box to post letters to Santa

Saturday 3rd: AQE test 3

Tuesday 6th: Begin practising for Carol Service

Wednesday 7th: Choir performing at Christmas lights switch on in Donemana.

New boiler installation begins.

Raffle tickets go on sale.

Thursday 8th: Supper with Santa

Wednesday 14th: Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 20th: Carol Service at 6pm

Wednesday 21st: Half Day

School resumes on Thursday 5th January.

NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly and reduce costs we would like to email newsletters rather than sending a paper copy. If you are happy to receive an electronic copy please complete and return the reply slip below.



COMMUNITY NOMINATED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

We are introducing an exciting new award to our monthly celebration assembly. We would like you or any member of the local community to nominate children in our school for this award if you see them achieving something great outside of school. For example, if your child wins a competition for dancing, makes it to a final football match with their team, makes their bed every morning for a full week, holds a door open for a senior citizen at the shop—whatever it is that you are proud of them for—let us know. We will then look at all the nominations and one winner each month will be selected. All nominations are to be given to Jayne and the closing date for the first set of nominations is Tuesday 24th January. We look forward to hearing about all the things our children can be proud of!

NEW BOILER INSTALLATION

On 7th December we are having a new boiler installed. This process will take approximately one week to complete. During this time school will be heated with temporary heaters. Please ensure children wear plenty of layers as school will be a little colder than usual this week.

SANTA LETTERS

The letters have been written and the whole school will walk down and post them on Friday 2nd December (if you listen carefully, you might be able to hear us singing). To add to the Christmas spirit, pupils are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper along with their school uniform. Permission slips need to be returned by 1st December.

CHOIR

Our fabulous Choir will be performing at the Christmas lights switch on, on **Wednesday 7th December**. Please ensure all children wear coats, scarves, gloves and hats as it will be very cold! We will be meeting at Kool Cuts at **6:45pm**. We look forward to seeing you all there!

The choir will also be performing in Foyleside on **Thursday 8th December from 11:00-11:30**. If you are out doing some Christmas shopping in Londonderry feel free to come along to listen to some wonderful carols.

RAFFLE

Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 7th December for the children's Christmas toy raffle. Prefects will be selling tickets in the foyer at break and lunch time.

I am happy to receive an electronic copy of the school's monthly newsletter instead of a paper copy.

Parent signature: _____ Parent email address: _____

Child(ren)'s name(s): _____



PUPIL OF THE MONTH

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

to our pupil of the month in each class for November. Well done:

Ollie in Miss Sayer's class

Dean in Miss Nutt's class

Skye in Miss Connor's class

Harvey in Mrs Long's class

Jennie in Mr Potts' class

And our ARopoly winner was also Jennie in P7.

PREFECTS

Thank you to all the P7 children who applied for the role of prefect this year. It was very difficult to appoint as we have so many wonderful children. Our prefects this year are Caitlin, Gareth, James, Charlie and Hannah.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS AT SELECT KIDZ

School uniforms are now available to purchase from Select Kidz, Londonderry (028 7131 3344). We still carry a small stock of O'Neills uniforms too.

SCHOOL GATE

For health and safety reasons please ensure you close the school gate after you when you enter or leave the school premises at any time during the school day. Thank you.

SUPPER WITH SANTA

It's almost that time of year again! Our Supper with Santa night is on Thursday 8th December from 6pm. If you haven't already got your ticket please contact Miss Nutt. The lucky winner of our super Christmas hamper will be revealed that night too!

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

On Wednesday 14th December all children can enjoy a delicious Christmas Dinner. The Christmas

toy raffle winners will be selected during this dinner. Children can wear non-uniform and Christmas jumpers on this day to add to the seasonal fun!

CAROL SERVICE

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held in Donemana Presbyterian Church on Tuesday 20th December at 6pm. We hope to see you all there. Our service is open to all who wish to join us and our congregational hymn this year will be 'Silent Night'.

****CHANGES TO AFTER**

SCHOOL CLUB**

As mentioned in the April 2016 newsletter there will be changes to the After School Provision in 2017/2018. Any child in P1-P2 can stay until 4.25pm and any child in P3-P7 can stay until 5.25pm. Our After School Club must be less than two hours due to Social Services regulations, therefore the times will gradually decrease over the coming years. Our After School provision is heavily subsidised so as long as our funding continues, this will be the plan we hope to continue with.

As of the new year, all after school slots not cancelled with 24 hours notice will be charged at full price. There will also be a 10% administration charge on late payments of all after school and dinner money. These payments are asked for on the Monday of each week but must be paid by the Friday morning. Late bills will be issued every Friday.

There will be additional spaces available at homework club and late club during the month of December - book your places and enjoy some child free Christmas shopping!

LEARNING THIS MONTH!



P1

Literacy: l, f, b, ai, j and oa.

Numeracy: Numbers 9 and 10.

Topic: Hey Hey Look At Me

ICT: Typing name independently

P2

Literacy: Syllables, keyword sentences.

Numeracy: Subtraction/Time

WAU: Hey Hey Look At Me

ICT: Mental Maths Games and Paint Programme

P3

Literacy: Storyboarding, comprehension, retell and questions marks.

Numeracy: Money, subtraction and addition.

ICT: Creating posters, Using Word.

WAU: Yum yum! Healthy bodies, foods from around the world, where does our food come from?

P4/5

Literacy: Story Writing, comprehension, adverbs, commas and question marks.

Numeracy: Division, Time and problem solving.

ICT: Fact files creating publisher.

WAU: Passport to the World—different foods around the world and exploring where are foods come from.

P6/7

Literacy: Instructional Writing, prepositions, comprehension and direct speech.

Numeracy: Division, division by 10, 100 and 1000, number patterns, nets and Christmas problem solving.

ICT: Christmas cards and Slideshows

WAU: Living From The Land