



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will close for Christmas Holidays on Friday 18 December at 12 noon for P1-3 and 12.15pm for P4-7 children. School will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 5 January 2021 for Term 2. Early Bird and 123 Club will re-commence on this date.

123 CLUB

New registration forms for 123 Club should be returned ASAP. There is a new form for week commencing 30 Nov.

Early Bird Forms

Now available on the website. Paper copies will be sent home with the children who use the club already.

HEALTHY SNACK

December £3.90

January £5.70

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Our school received another cheque for £100 from Cash for Clobber for clothes recycled in the clothing bank from September 2020.



Santa Run for the Northern Ireland Hospice

We want to do something to help charities who care for the sick in Northern Ireland and who are in need of funds this Christmas. We thought it might be fun for the children to do a Santa run (minimum 1 mile) around school grounds wearing a Santa hat or Christmas headband.

We do not want to put any family under any pressure to contribute but if you feel you could spare a few pounds we would ask you to make a donation £1-£5.

We plan to hold this event on Friday 11 December weather permitting. We will be in touch closer to the time when we see the weather forecast.

Please send your donation into the class teacher in an envelope labelled, "Santa Run" on Monday 7 December 2020.

This event will be held with COVID 19 restrictions in mind.

Thank you for your continued support.



COVID 19 Guidelines for our School Community

We want to do everything that we can to help to reduce the spread of Covid 19 and keep our school open for our children. Please help us to do the best that we can and remember to follow the PHA guidelines. If anyone in your household experiences symptoms of COVID 19 remember that everyone in a household must isolate for 14 days. Not returning to work or school until symptoms have gone. If someone within a household tests positive, then everyone else in the house must isolate for 14 days. If multiple people in a house test positive individuals must isolate 14 days from the last test (most recent) result received.

If your child is off school due to self-isolation but they are not sick, then you should contact the school office to arrange for the class teacher to provide work for them to complete at home remotely via 'The Seesaw App'. A pack of written work/reading books may also be collected as per arrangements made with the school on telephone.

If your child is sick, then you must follow the guidelines and they should remain at home until they are well again and have received a negative test result (if they had Covid 19 symptoms).

Please read the DE leaflet for parents on the school website entitled, 'What Parents Need to Know' in the school news section.

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDER 'CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN SCHOOL'

'Children are not allowed to bring Christmas presents into school to give out to their friends'

If you wish to exchange presents, then please do so outside of school hours as upset may be caused to other children and items may be lost or broken in school. Christmas Cards cannot be exchanged in school this year due to COVID 19 restrictions. Thank you all for your understanding.

Dates ahead

Thurs 3 December	Early Closing P1-3 1.15pm & P4-7 1.30pm
Mon 7 December	Parent Feedback Reports to be sent home with your child.
Wed 9 December	Christmas Dinner in school - NO UNIFORM - Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers or tops today.
Frid 11 December	P1-7 Santa Run for the Northern Ireland Hospice - weather permitting
Wed 16 December	KLASS KIDS Online Christmas Session £1 per child for Crown Jesus Ministries
Thurs 17 December	Class Party Day - Children wear their Christmas Party clothes to school
Frid 18 December	NON UNIFORM DAY - Half Day Finish P1-3 12 noon P4-7 12.15pm

P1 Applications for 2021

The P1 Applications Portal will open for online applications on **Thursday 7 January 2021 at 12noon** and will close at **12 noon on 29 January 2021**. Please note that during the admissions procedure applications are not considered on a 'first come, first served basis'. However, when applying the criteria PUNCTUAL applications are considered before LATE applications are considered. The published application criteria of primary schools can be accessed at <https://www.eani.org.uk/>

If you are an existing family in our school and you have a child who is due to start P1 in September 2021 please be re-assured that your child will have a chance to visit our school and have an induction day before the end of June 2021.

PRIVATE MESSAGING TO PARENTS VIA OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

We currently have 75% of our parents active for private messaging through the website. This is great, but we want to be able to communicate with 100% of our parents via email or text. It is important that all of our families receive these updates and newsletters etc. If you have not yet registered for the School App Private Messaging service, please do so and you will receive notification when items have been added to the website. We will also be emailing newsletters and dinner menus in January 2021 as we aim to reduce our paper use in school. Please telephone the school office if you need more support with this. Look out for a message asking you to verify your consent for the private messaging. You must click into the link to activate your details.

**P1 Open Afternoon for Prospective families
Thursday 3 December 2020 3-6 pm**

Appointment only for new families to receive a tour of the school. This will be in a very different format to our normal open night due to COVID 19 Restrictions. There will be no pupils in school and no activities available for visiting children.

If you know of any new families wishing to find out more about our school or the P1 application process, please share these details with them.

Appointments can be made via the school secretary Tel: 02879418415.