

Clare Primary School

December Newsletter 2019



Dear parents/guardians

It is December at last – the children are getting excited and all things festive are planned in school this month! We have a lot of events upcoming this half term, so please keep up to date by reading the monthly newsletter, checking our school Facebook page as well as our school website.

I would encourage you to take note of the following dates and information. If you have any queries or questions, please contact Mrs Dillon in the school office.

Dates for diary

- Cross Country compete at Portadown Rugby Football Club 2nd December
- Choir perform at the Lunch Time Club 4th December
- 5 aside football tournament at Tandragee recreation Centre 5th December
- Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day 6th December
- Hip Hop Showcase 6th December
- Flu vaccines administered 12th December
- Choir perform at Clare Presbyterian Church 15th December 2019
- Local nurseries to attend P1-3 nativity 17th December.
- P1-3 nativity and P4 – 7 Christmas performance 18th December.
- Winter holiday begins when **school finishes at 12 noon** on Friday 20th December.
- Children return to school Tuesday 7th January 2020

Christmas Jumper/Dinner

On 6th December we will be serving Christmas dinner to the children. On this day they are allowed to wear a Christmas/Winter jumper over their normal school uniform. This is not a non-uniform day.

Hip Hop Showcase 6th December

Parents of P1 – P3 children who attend hip hop after school club are invited to our showcase at 3pm. Parents of P4 – P7 children who attend this after school club are invited to watch their children dance in our showcase at 4pm. After each showcase, children may go home with their parents.

After School Activities

After school activities will finish for the term on Friday 6th December. Clubs will recommence in January 2020, further details will be sent in the new term.

Flu Vaccine

Our new date for the flu vaccine to be administered to those pupils with consent is 12th December. Please be on time on this day to enable smooth running of this process. **More details will follow.**

Christmas Productions

Our performances are being held 18th December. Currently we intend to hold performance at 09:30 for the P1, P2, P3 and P4 performance and 10:15 for the P5, P6 and P7 performance. These times are approximate at this point to enable parents to book time off work and may be amended closer to the time when run times are finalised.

Friends of Clare

Friends of Clare organised a Big breakfast to welcome the community in to our school on Friday 22nd November. Extended family and neighbours joined us as well as the community champions from Asda and Tesco, this created such a lovely atmosphere in the school and the event raised over £650 from your generous donations.

Thank you to our sponsors and donors for the Big Breakfast. The people happy to be named are as follows:

- Asda, Dale Farm, Forest Feast, Irwins, Lidl, Tesco, Troughton family and Whites.

The car boot sale raised just over £200 with only a few items left to sell – thank you to all those who worked on the day and to those who donated items to the event.

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End of term arrangements

On 20th December, children are invited to wear their own clothes to school and we will finish at 12 noon. Please be prompt in collecting your children as it can cause distress when they are left waiting and all other children have gone home.

Staff News

I am delighted to welcome back Mrs Reid after her maternity leave. We said goodbye to Mrs Wright from her official term covering P3/4 on Friday during our celebration assembly. We presented her with a gift from staff and flowers from the whole school community, and would like to thank her for all her hard work whilst at Clare Primary School.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last term and the staff and Governors of Clare Primary School would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a wonderful new year. We look forward to welcoming you and your children back in January.

Shona Lindsay
Principal