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Friday Note

Friday 13th December 2019

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Morning Supervision

Just a gentle reminder to parents that our morning supervision for 'breakfast club' doesn't start until 8.00am. Unfortunately, we have had children being left off at school from 7.40am unsupervised by parents/guardians. There is no one on school premises to supervise at this time and it is your responsibility to stay with the children until the morning supervisors arrive. I appreciate your support with this.

PTA Christmas Bazaar

Thank you once again to our PTA, volunteers and staff for making the Christmas Bazaar such a success. It was a fantastic night and a lovely start to our Christmas celebrations in school. The PTA are still finalising the total amount, but thanks to your support and generosity it looks like over £4,000 was raised through the Ballot and on the night, which is just brilliant. Congratulations to all the lucky prize winners and well done to the children who won a prize for selling the most ballot tickets. Daniel Cross, Amelia Mc Quade, Aoife and Erin Breslin, Ella Valentine and Thomas Creagh all sold 8 or more books of tickets!

Thank you to all our families who donated items for hampers, prizes and stalls. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the following local businesses who donated a prize for the Ballot or Big Wheel - Ultra ICT, Tesco, Ellie Mac Candles, S Berry Butchers, Joseph Rea, The Eye Clinic, Brogan's Opticians, Mark Mc Grogan Photography, Mc Calls, The Pheasant Restaurant, Leisure Plex, Add Some Character, St. Killian's Candles and The Valentine family. Thank you all so much for coming out and supporting this wonderful annual event.



School Nativity Plays

The **P5** children performed their Nativity Play in the Studio Theatre of the Island Arts Centre on Monday 9th December. They completed three shows throughout the day. Each performance was better than the last. They were truly incredible, displaying talents, confidence and abilities that were beyond their years. Huge thanks to the P5 year group teams of Ms Kitt, Mrs Gorman, classroom assistants, those classroom assistants from other year groups, Rebecca Leonard for her direction and choreography skills and to Mrs O'Hare for her co-ordination of the event.



Very shortly Pat Clarke will have an online stream or DVD of the evening performance available through school for parents/guardians to purchase. We will keep you updated whenever it becomes available.

The **P1** and **P2** classes performed their Christmas songs and Nativity Plays to packed out audiences at school on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December. It was such an invaluable experience for the children to showcase their talents to their families and friends. I was blown away by the confidence of the children to sing their songs, remember their actions and to confidently speak out their lines. This is all testimony to the work of Miss Hearty, Mrs McManus and the P1 and P2 classroom assistants. Thanks also go to Miss Gray for co-ordinating the music for the four shows. Finally, I would also like to thank Ms Gibson and Mrs Healy for the work that they did with the ticket sales and in helping to assist with the smooth running of both days.

P7 Confirmation Date

The Bishop's Office has released the date of Confirmation for this year's Primary 7 classes. It will take place at 11am on Wednesday 12th February in St. Patrick's Church.



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Carol Concert

The P4 junior choir, P5 – P7 senior choir and the folkgroup need a packed lunch with them on **Monday 16th December** and **Tuesday 17th December** as they will be rehearsing for the majority of both days at St. Patrick's Church.

Our Carol Concert will be held in St. Patrick's Church at 7pm on Tuesday 17th December. The P4 choir, P5 – P7 choir and folkgroup will be performing. This will be a magical event for the whole family to enjoy. We will be asking for a £5 donation per person attending at the door with all proceeds going towards 'Charlie's Fund'.

P1 SERC Visit

On Monday 9th December, Miss Hearty's class visited SERC to attend a Christmas workshop with some of their students. The children listened to a great Christmas story, sang and played along to Jingle Bells and took part in a variety of fun art activities.



School Pantomime Trip – Thursday 12th December

The children and staff had a great time at the Grand Opera House watching 'Beauty and the Beast'. The pupils loved every minute of it! Thank you to Mrs Connolly for organising such a special treat for all of our pupils.

Basketball at Queen's University

Great news from the basketball tournament which 15 of our P6 children attended. The children competed in various games in teams of 5 and finished joint 2nd overall! Unfortunately, we didn't manage to make the final as the other team in joint second beat us on goal difference but it was a most enjoyable day had by all. Kaitlin Stewart and Benton Davies won the last man/woman standing competition from our school.



Registration for After School Activities Term 2

Registration for Term 2 After School Activities will open on **Tuesday 17th December at 7.30am**. To register your child, you must book through Schoolmoney. There are also some 'catch-up' sessions to complete the activities for Term 1. They are included below for you:

- Catch up Dance Monday 16th December P2 - P3 (2 - 3pm) and P4 - P7 (3 - 4pm)
- Catch up Football Thursday 19th December P2 - P3 (2 - 3pm) and P4 - P7 (3 - 4pm)

Last Day of Term

Friday 20th December is our last day of term. Staggered collections will be in operation. In order to ensure the safe pick up of pupils from the school on Friday we will implement the following arrangements:

- All P1 – P3 children with siblings in P4 - P7 must be picked up at 11.30am at their normal pick up point
- P4 – P7 pupils with no siblings must be picked up at 11.45am at their normal pick up point

The children can wear their Christmas jumpers with their ordinary clothes for this last session.



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The week ahead: **Week beginning Monday 16th December (last week of Term 1)**

Monday 16 th	Tuesday 17 th	Wednesday 18 th	Thursday 19 th	Friday 20 th
<p>Carol Concert practice in St. Patrick's Church. All children attending to bring a packed lunch to school.</p>  <p>Catch up Dance P2 - P3 (2 - 3pm) and P4 - P7 (3 - 4pm).</p>	<p>After school club registration for Term 2 opens at 7.30am.</p> <p>P2 (SC) visiting Santa in the Linen Museum from 9.30 - 11am.</p> <p>P1 (CMcM) visiting Santa in the Linen Museum from 10.30 - 11.35am.</p> <p>P4 - P7 Christmas Mass in St. Patrick's Church at 10am.</p>  <p>P4 - P7 Christmas Carol concert in St. Patrick's Church at 7pm.</p>	<p>P3 tennis coaching.</p> <p>German and Spanish tuition for P6 classes from The Wallace High School students.</p> <p>P2 (CMcA) visiting Santa in the Linen Museum from 9.30 - 11am.</p> <p>P1 (TH) visiting Santa in the Linen Museum from 9.30 - 11am.</p> <p>P7 trip. Cinema and bowling from 9.30 - 2.45pm.</p>	<p>Friends science students in P6 (SG).</p> <p>The Amazing Journey (P5-P7) classroom workshops.</p>  <p>P7 attending the Racquets Club from 10 - 11am.</p> <p>P4 (AH & MC) visiting Santa in the Linen Museum from 11am.</p> <p>Catch up Football P2 - P3 (2 - 3pm) and P4 - P7 (3 - 4pm).</p> <p>Choir (P6 and P7) - Thompson House. Leaving at 1.30pm.</p>	<p>School closes for Christmas holidays - Christmas jumpers/non-uniform session</p> <p>(Please see collection arrangements above).</p>

Future Dates

Term 2 Commences

New P1 Applications (Online)
P4 - P7 Catholic Schools Week Mass
February Midterm Break

Tuesday 7th January
Tuesday 7th January from 12 noon
Tuesday 28th January at 10am
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February (All week)



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