

St. John's Primary School - Newsletter

25th November 2024

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS AND SCHOOL CLOSURE

We are looking forward to the Parent/Teacher Meetings which will take place this week.

Reminder: the school will be closed on **Friday 29th November** to support the facilitation of Parent/Teacher Meetings.



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of our Parent Support Group takes place tonight

Monday 25th November @ 7.30pm in the school hall. As always, we encourage new members to get involved with the PSG as it does invaluable work in terms of practical support such as tea making at whole school events, supporting fun events/trips for the children and fundraising activities for the school. If you feel you might be able to offer some help or support, you would be most welcome to the meeting tonight.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

As the sole nomination, Arlene O'Shea has been elected as Parent Representative. Congratulations Arlene!

SUSTRANS – WALK TO SCHOOL - DITCH THE DARK

The children from P4-P7 and their younger siblings are encouraged to walk to school on **Thursday 28th November.** As usual, staff members will meet at the Parochial Hall at 8.45am and accompany the children on the walk to school. To encourage 'Be Bright Be Seen' the children are encouraged to ditch the dark by wearing their school uniform and high viz vests.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner takes place on **Thursday 5th December.** Dinner costs £2.60 per child and can be ordered on the day.

SHARED EDUCATION

The P5 and P7 children travel to Parkanaur on **Thursday 28th November** to participate in Shared Education lessons with children from Moy Regional P.S. The children should wear their school uniform, a warm coat, suitable footwear and bring a packed lunch/snack.

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FLAHAVAN'S CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING LEAGUE

The Cross-Country Running Squad will travel to Lurgan Park to participate in Round 2 of the League on **Friday 6th December**. Good luck to everyone involved and thanks to the Gervin Family for sponsoring the bus to transport the children.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL – TOY STORY – P5, P6 & P7

The Toy Story show involving the P5, P6 & P7 classes will take place over two nights on **Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December @7pm in St. John's Parochial Hall.**



We also plan to do a dress rehearsal/matinee performance during the school day on **Wednesday 18th December** and have invited the local schools in addition to our P1-P4 children to watch it.

To cover the extensive costs involved when putting on a performance such as professional sound and lighting, additional staging, the copyright of the script, the variety of costumes and the stage design/props etc we will have to sell tickets for admission. Please note that no profit will be made from the sale of the tickets - it will just cover the costs! More details will be sent out next week about the cost and purchasing of tickets.

Overall, the staff and pupils are really excited about the show and are looking forward to performing to the school and wider community.

P3 & P4 – TRIP TO THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE

The P3 & P4 children will travel to the Grand Opera House on **Thursday 12th December** to see this year's Pantomime, Peter Pan.

