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Congratulations Everyone

Our Fundraising Challenge for 2019 has been a great success and we are delighted to announce to everyone that collectively we have met our target of £30,000. This has been a huge undertaking, and we would like to thank everyone for the support that has been given in so many different ways throughout the year. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone for their financial sponsorship and the time and effort given over the past year to help achieve this goal. It is an amazing tribute to our strong School Community. Congratulations everyone.

St. Mary's Primary School Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol service will take place on the **Tues 17th December at 7pm** in Ballygawley Chapel. Pupils are asked to be at the Chapel at 6.30pm. Our PTA will be having tea and refreshments in the Hall afterwards and everyone is welcome. Our Carol Service is open to everyone.

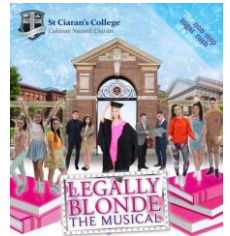


Christmas Pantomime

On the 5th December we are hoping to take Years 1 - 5 to this year's Pantomime in the Bardic Theatre Donaghmore, 'Jack and the Beanstalk. £8 per pupil. Pupils can bring a snack and juice for the trip. We will be back to school in time for lunch. All money for the Pantomime must be in by **Thursday 28th November**.

Thank you. School will cover the cost of transport for everyone.

Year 6 - 7 will be going to 'Legally Blonde' in St. Ciaran's College on Tuesday 3rd December. Cost is £5 per child. Again school will cover transport costs.



Shoebox appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions towards our Shoebox Appeal. They were greatly appreciated. We will keep the children informed about the journey of their Shoeboxes and share photos of those less fortunate who will benefit from your kindness.



Open Day

We are holding an Open Day in the school on **Wednesday 18th December from 2pm - 3pm**. Prospective New Year 1 pupils and their parents are invited along to experience the atmosphere of the school, meet the pupils and staff and enjoy School Life at St. Mary's. Year 1 and 2 pupils will be finishing at the earlier time of 1pm on that day to facilitate preparation. All applications have now to be completed online. Details can be found on our school website. Thank you for your cooperation.

December After School Activities

After School activities will resume once repairs to our Assembly Hall Floor are complete. We will keep everyone posted via school texts. Thank you.

Music Lessons

Traditional Music Lessons for P4 and P5 (tin whistle) Monday 25th Nov and Monday 9th Dec. After schools Trad Music group will be on these dates from 3.15pm - 4.15pm

St Ciaran's After School Clubs Tuesday 26th November 3.30pm - 4.30pm



Cross Country Running

We have two teams taking part in Flahavan's Porridge Cross Country League for Primary Schools this year. The next race is on Wednesday 5th December in Dungannon. Best of luck to all our runners.



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Forest School

P1/2 are scheduled to visit the Forest School again 4th December. Please remember Wellingtons and coats on that day.

Shared Education Day

P1/2 are joining up with Richmond Primary School and St. Malachy's PS to take part in a Shared Education Programme throughout the year. They will have an introductory 'Getting To Know You Day' on 10th December in St. Ciaran's College. Pupils are asked to wear their PE Clothes on that day. A snack and water is also needed.

Milk Term 2

Milk numbers for term 2 (Jan - Easter). Please complete the reply slips if you wish your child to have milk. Milk must be paid for with your order please.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner will be held on **Thursday 19th December**. Anyone wishing to take dinner on that day must complete the attached slip and return it to school by **Monday 3rd December**. All pupils can wear Christmas Jumpers and party/Santa hats on the day to get into the festive mood.



Could any outstanding money (dinners, break-time snacks, drama, After-Schools etc) be paid up by **Monday 16th December**. **There will be no dinners on Friday 20th December**. Thank you.

Breakfast Club

We've had a very positive response to having a Breakfast Club in the mornings from 8am - 8.30am. We intend to start this at the beginning of next term. More details will be available during December in relation to this.

New Mobile

Work on our New Mobile is scheduled to begin in January with work completed by Easter time.





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Thank you for your patience during over the past 2 weeks. Thankfully the leaks are now repaired and the holes in the assembly hall filled in. The complete assembly hall flooring is scheduled to be replaced by the Education Authority.



Christmas Holidays
 School closes for Christmas on Friday 20th at 11am for Christmas Holidays.
 We reopen on Tuesday 7th January 2019.



We would like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas and thank you for all your continued support throughout 2019. Best wishes to you and your family for the 2020 New Year.

Milk Orders Term 2

Milk Numbers for Term 2 (Jan - Easter). Cost £13.00 Can milk please be ordered for

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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Parent Signature _____

After School Clubs Term 2

Sportitots 6 weeks (Thurs 9th Jan - Thurs 13th Feb) (Cost is £12 per child)

P2 - 2pm - 3pm

I would like _____ to attend Sportitots for the 6 week

Multisports 6 weeks (Thurs 9th Jan - Thurs 13th Feb) (Cost is £12 per child)

P5-7 - 3.15pm-4.15pm

I would like _____ to attend Multisports for the 6 week.

Please return all reply slips before Friday 28th November.