

# Convent of Mercy Nursery School Newsletter



December 2024

## HOLIDAY INFORMATION

**SCHOOL DINNERS WILL FINISH ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

School ends for all children on  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 (Group 1) & 11.10 (Group 2).

**We reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Reminder: as we are holding our Open Afternoon on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January we will be closing early to prepare for that. NO DINNERS on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January Group 1 (11.20 – 11.30 collection) & Group 2 (11.30 – 11.40 collection)**

## Nursery & P1 Applications for September 2025

Parents can apply for a Nursery or P1 place for September 2025 on the Education Authority website from 12 noon on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January until 12 noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Check out the Nursery & P1 Open Day Information or Virtual Tour Information on the school website.

We are holding our 'Open Day' on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January (2.00 until 5.00pm) – please book a slot on the school website.

## Christmas Count Down

If you have an Alexa – if you ask it each day how many days are left until Christmas you will get the answer and a message from Santa.

On YouTube - Watch Santa live from the North Pole 2024'

## December Topics

The themes for the month of December will be Christmas. The children will be learning about the Christmas story, where baby Jesus was born and who came to visit him. They will also be learning about the signs of Christmas and decorating the Nursery school.

Fun games to play in the car or when out walking - ask the children to count the Christmas trees and chat about the different lights they see.

### Jumper Check

Please double check the name on your child's jumper, a few names on the jumpers are difficult to read – please relabel, a number have been misplaced & we can help return them to the correct owner.

Thank you.

### Christmas Shows

We are recording a Christmas Show to share with you on the school website before Christmas to enjoy with the whole family.

### Letters to Santa

Santa's postman will call to the Nursery to collect the children's letters for Santa - already sent your letter? Why not draw a lovely picture for Santa & the elves.

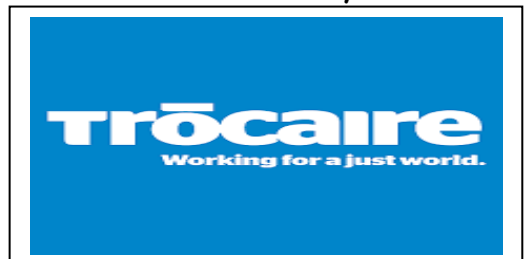
Please post all letters by Tuesday 10th December in the Santa Express Post Box in the front hall.



### Trocaire Global Gift

As Trocaire is one of the schools charities we will be making a donation of £100 from funds raised via the snack money.

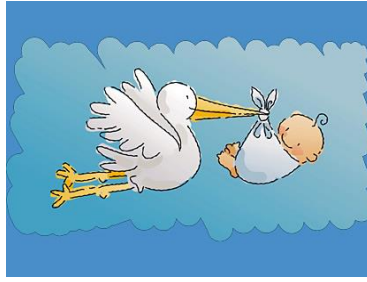
Christmas Dinner Day will be held on Thursday 5th December - the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper or Christmas colours.



The Board of Governors & staff at the Convent of Mercy Nursery School would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Congratulations to Mia Laverty and family  
on the birth of baby Toby.



Congratulations to Ruby Magee and family  
on the birth of baby Olivia.



### Christmas Support

As Christmas can be a very expensive time for families, we are able to source some support for toys or heating during the next few weeks, if you think this is something you would like to avail off please let Miss Donoghue know or reply to the message sent via the school website.

## Things to do!

### Talking

- Talking about the Christmas story – the journey to Bethlehem. They couldn't use the car or the bus – they had to travel on a donkey as it was a long long time ago. Can you look up images of what Bethlehem would have looked like?
- Talk to your child about your own childhood memories. Did you have any special traditions?
- Involve your child in the Christmas plans. Talk about the events leading up to Christmas – what do you need to prepare? How can they help?

### Stories & Songs

- Visit your local library for Christmas stories.
- Why not make up Christmas Adventure stories when out walking or in the car.

### Kitchen

- Make mince pies or Christmas cookies together. They will have lots of fun using the left over dough.
- Create a beautiful name card for the Christmas Day table.

### Out & About

- When out & about – draw attention to the Christmas lights, decorations and shop displays. Which is their favourite & why?
- Count the Christmas trees & discuss the different colours.
- Write Christmas cards to your friends & neighbours – what numbers is on the doors you send or deliver them?

Check out CBeebies Presents for the panto.

