



Christmas is Coming!



Dear Parent/ Guardian

As we approach the busy festive period I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this first term of school. Needless to say it has been quite a different experience for all of us, with a few challenges faced along the way! However, thanks to our wonderful staff, children and families we have navigated our way through, delivering the same high standards of teaching and learning and warm family atmosphere that we always have, despite the current circumstances.

Over the coming weeks we want to ensure that our children are able to experience some of the usual Christmas traditions that we would normally celebrate in school, if in a slightly different way! As such, I have outlined below some of the events scheduled for the weeks ahead.

Date	Event
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 4th December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Dinner • Christmas jumper can be worn instead of school jumper. • Early Finish: P1-P4: 1.15pm P5-P7: 1.30pm <p>(All children are invited to avail of Christmas dinner. Please contact the school office if you need assistance with School Money for payment.)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 10th December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast <p>The students of SRC Armagh are performing a Pantomime for the children to watch online.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 11th December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Movie Day/Non Uniform Day Fundraiser <p>The two charities we are fundraising for throughout Advent are Via Wings and St Vincent de Paul. We are asking for a donation of any amount to be sent in to school in an envelope.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 18th December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA Christmas Raffle Draw
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 22nd December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes for Christmas Holidays <p style="text-align: right;">11.45am finish: P1-P4 12pm finish: P5-P7</p>

Christmas Gifts/Cards: Unfortunately, due to the current situation, children will not be permitted to exchange cards/gifts with one another or with staff in school. These thoughtful gifts, although much appreciated are never necessary and we realise they can put pressure on families at an already difficult time of year. If you wish, send a message via Dojo, I know some thoughtful words at this time would mean a lot! Monetary donations can also be made to our designated charities, SDP and Via Wings. This can be sent to school in an **envelope on Friday 11th December** or via School Money (info coming soon). All money raised will be split between both organisations.

Christmas Dancercise! Each Tuesday during the month of December we welcome back Roisin from ABC Council who will provide some fun Christmas themed dance activities for each of our classes. PE Uniform should be worn each Tuesday.

Class Christmas Carols: Our classes are busy preparing their own recordings of some much loved Christmas songs. Watch out for the videos, which will hopefully be shared in the coming weeks!

Santa Visit: We usually get a visit from the man himself at this time of year, however we are hoping that he will fit us in to his busy schedule with a special virtual visit later in the month!

P.T.A Christmas Draw: Details on prizes and how to purchase tickets will be shared in the coming days.

**Many thanks
Ms M Savage**