



# St. Teresa's Primary School

"Doing ordinary things extraordinarily well"



## Winter Newslines 2024

Parents / Guardians,

At this stage our children are halfway through the first term and settled into new classes / routines. Thank you for supporting and co-operating with us and thank you for adhering to our drop off times (8.50-9am) and 2pm & 3pm pick up times.

### Parking

Can I ask you NOT to park at the corners / over driveways of Tarry Lane/Tarrywood in the mornings or at pick up time, this causes a build-up of traffic and difficulties for other users? Please use the car park on Tarry Lane (if possible).

The allocated 'disabled spaces' near the school door are restricted, please only park here if you are displaying a valid parking disabled badge.

### Food Allergies / Healthy Break

Can I ask you to adhere to precautions we have in school for children with severe allergies? To date we have 3 children (who require epipens) and can I ask that **NO** nuts or fish are brought into school at **ANYTIME**. As we are a healthy eating school we require our children to bring in water, fruit or vegetables to eat / drink at breaktime. We hope to see an improvement in concentration and behaviours as we move forward together on this.

### Homework

All our children have commenced homeworks again and it is vital that you sign their reading log / records each night and look over their tasks - in literacy / numeracy or eLearning nights.

### Parent / Teacher Meetings

Thank you for cooperating with your child/ren's teacher during the week of 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November. I hope you have found these consultations useful and informative. Feel free to contact the school if you have missed your time slot or need any follow up from your child's teacher.

### Safer Schools App for Parents

Our school has now signed up to the Safer Schools App.

Safer Schools helps entire school communities to better protect themselves in the Digital World, through delivering relevant safeguarding information to teachers, pupils, parents and carers. Its aim is to alert members to any issues arising through gaming, social media and websites.

To be part of our safer school, follow the following steps.....

- Using your app store or Google Play store search for Safer Schools NI App and download
- Register for an account with a valid email address and password
- Click I have a code and enter code - 0899, information regarding the Safer Schools App can be found in the Parents Area of our own school app.

## Christmas Event / Information

Our children will be showcasing our P1-P4 Christmas show 'Shine Star, Shine' on:

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10am - P1 & P3 Parents, Guardians and families to attend.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am - P2 & P4 Parents, Guardians and families to attend.

Each family will be issued with tickets prior to the shows in order to reserve seats.

Our annual 'FOST Christmas Raffle tickets' will be sent home with your child/ren to raise funds. Please feel free to request more tickets if needed.

## FOST

Santa Sunday is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 2pm-5pm at the school. The FOST will have lots of activities and festivities organised in the hall and our school choir will sing a few festive carols when the tree is being lit at 5pm. Come along and enjoy the afternoon, spread the word!

All money raised will go back in to school to help our children. THANK YOU!!!



## St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

This year we will try to support our families in the local community by donating food to the St Vincent de Paul. Please try to donate the following, depending which class your child/ren are in. St Vincent de Paul will then distribute this to families in our community:

**P1** - Cereals / Biscuits

**P2** - Teabags / Coffee / Sugar

**P3** - Sauces / Jams / Marmalades

**P4** - Tinned soup / Beans / Custard / Tinned Peas / Tinned Fruit

**P5** - Pasta / Rice / Bisto

**P6** - Cakes / Mince Pies / Plum Puddings

**P7** - Diluted juice / Shloer / Coke / Fanta

Could all donations of food be in by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** so collection / distribution can be made before Christmas? Thanks.

## 'Resilience' information Talk

As parents are the first educators in their children's lives, I would like to invite you to a short talk to meet our School Counsellor and allow her to introduce the concept of 'Resilience' and share helpful tips to support what your children will be learning. This session is open to all parents/guardians/grandparents but has been designed for those who support children in our school community. This will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am**; simply drop your child off in the morning and come along for a cuppa in our Assembly Hall. Your involvement is vital to fostering a supportive environment for our young learners!

## Important Upcoming Dates: (can be found on calendar of school website)

26<sup>th</sup> Nov - School Nurse Flu Vaccine for all children

29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Whole School Pantomime in Waterfront, Belfast

1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Santa Sunday 2pm-5pm - All welcome!

5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Parents/Guardians welcome to 'Resilience Information Talk' (see above)

5<sup>th</sup> Dec - *OPEN AFTERNOON* for September 2025 new P.1 children -2pm-3.30pm

5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Dinner in school (Please book via School App)

6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Santa Run in school, children to wear own clothes / Christmas Jumper

9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last date for St Vincent De Paul food collection

10<sup>th</sup> Dec - P3 Trip to Planetarium

13<sup>th</sup> Dec - All children to finish at 1pm for Staff Training

16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day for Christmas Raffle Tickets

17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Show P1 & P3 -10am

18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Show P2 & P4 - 10am

20<sup>th</sup> Dec - School to finish at 11.30am for Christmas Break

6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 - School re-opens for all children



All newlines and dinner menus are available on the school website [www.stteresaslurgan.com](http://www.stteresaslurgan.com) and School App