



Hello everyone. We are in December and I'm sure you are all looking forward to all the fun and excitement in the lead up to the holidays. I just wanted to give you some information on our busy Christmas schedule here in school.

After School Clubs

Please note that Brazilian football has finished for this term,

Craft Club – last day – Monday 16th December.

Highland Dancing – last day – Tuesday 17th December 2024 – (no Highland dancing on 3rd and 10th December – these sessions will take place in the new year).

French – last day – Tuesday 17th December 2024

Hockey – last Day – Wednesday 18th December 2024

Maiden City – last day – Thursday 12th December

After School Clubs will resume in the New Year on the week beginning 13th January 2025.

Christmas Fundraising:

This year the children will have the chance to win a jar full of sweets or a Christmas teddy. All they have to do is guess how many sweets are in the jar and the name of the teddy. Guesses for the teddy are 50p per guess and 20p per guess for the jar of sweets or 6 guesses for £1.00. The winner will be announced on the last week of term in time for the Christmas holidays. Children will have the opportunity to make their guesses every day until the winner is announced.

Festive Breakfast/ Evening:

We are very much looking forward to holding our Festive Morning / Evening tomorrow, **Wednesday 4th December**. All orders are now being processed by the elves who are working hard to ensure everyone has a great day. Doors for the evening will open at 6p.m. and there will be a variety of craft stalls in attendance on the evening at which you can purchase some Christmas gifts as well as the very popular 100 stall, cake stall, Christmas Stall and bran tub. Admission on the evening is £1.00 and this will get you a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit on the evening.

There will also be a BBQ available on the night so no need to cook! Burgers and hot dogs can be purchased on entry to the Festive Evening. Prices are £5 for a burger and a drink (£4 for a burger only) and £4 for a hotdog and a drink (£3 for a hot dog only). When you pay for admission on the night, you can pre-order your food which will hopefully reduce the queue at the BBQ.

Photos with Santa will be taken in the Kadet Klub and we would like to say a massive thank you to Ali and Laura Moore for offering to take photographs. The photographs will be emailed directly to you when they are ready.

For those who have booked breakfast with Santa, Santa will start to see the children in the morning of **Wednesday 4th December 2024** from 9.15 a.m. in the Dining Hall before taking up residence in his Winter Wonderland. Pre-school children and parents who wish to accompany their P1 – P4 child(ren) should be here between 9.15 and 10.15 a.m.

Thank you to all of you that have contributed so generously to our 100 stall, Christmas stall and cake stall. We will continue to accept any donations for the Festive Evening up to tomorrow afternoon. These can be left at the front of the school.

If you are free to provide some assistance with stalls etc. on the evening, could you please let Mrs Glenn know.

Christmas Card Fundraiser:

Many thanks to everyone who ordered Christmas cards from the school that were designed by the children themselves. Hopefully you are as pleased with the end result as we are. The cards will be given out by the end of this week. A special word of thanks to "Print Chameleon" and to Mrs J McKeegan for organising this initiative.

P1 and P2 Nativity

We are so pleased to once again be able to perform our Nativity for parents on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December 2024. The performances will begin at 10am on both days and parents are welcome to stay for a tea / coffee after the performance. Tickets for the Nativity are on sale in the office at the cost of £3.00 per person.

Choir

The school choir is performing in St. Columb's Cathedral on **Wednesday 11th December 2024** from 10am until 10.30am. They will then perform at Altnagelvin hospital at 11.00am until 11.30 am. If you are in the area at the time and would like to come along and listen to them perform, it would be great to see you.

The choir will also be performing at Glendermott Presbyterian Church on **Sunday 15th December** at their 'Carols by Candlelight' service. This will take place at 6.30p.m. Again, if you would like to come along to the service, you would be made most welcome.



Christmas Dinner:

This will be served in school on **Thursday 12th December** and anyone wishing to avail of the Christmas dinner should book online (www.ipayimpact.co.uk) **on or before Friday 6th December 2024** (cost £2.60) to allow the kitchen to order appropriately. On this day we will also take part in the Santa Daily Mile so we can burn off any extra calories! The children should come to school in their PE uniform on this day, with their favourite Christmas jumper or festive head wear!

Kadet Klub:

Kadet Klub will close for Christmas on Thursday 19th December 2024 at 5.30pm. Kadet Klub re-opens on **Friday 3rd January 2025**. Booking forms will be issued next week for January and must be returned before the Christmas holidays ie.20.12.24.

P3 Finishing Time:

Just a little reminder that the finishing time for the P3 children will be 3 p.m. after Christmas. Therefore, all children in Primary 3 will remain in school until 3.00p.m. from Friday 3rd January onwards. Please remember this if your child is in P3 and normally attends Kadet Klub from 2 – 3 p.m.

P1 & School Enrolment

School Enrolment Information on the procedures for school admissions in September 2025 should be available on the EA Connect website (eani.org.uk/parents/admission) from 5th December 2024 for Pre-school/Primary 1 places. The dates for the online application process for Primary and Nursery schools is **Friday 10th January 2025** at 12 noon, with a closing date for applications on **24th January 2025**.

P1 Open Evening

The school held its annual Open Evening last Wednesday 27th November 2024. We were delighted with the attendance and feedback from all parents was centred around the warm and friendly atmosphere of the school and the amazing facilities we are so lucky to have access to. If you know of anyone who missed our Open Evening but would like to experience what we at Drumahoe have to offer, then please encourage them to contact us **on 028 7130 2284 / 0771 3709 881**. They would be made more than welcome.

KS1 and KS2 Carol Service

The school will hold a Carol service on **Thursday 19th December 2024** in Glendermott Presbyterian Church at **1.00 p.m.** Children in Primary 3 to Primary 7 will be performing (not Primary 1 or Primary 2 as they are busy working on their nativity). Parents are very welcome to join us at our Carol Service at that time and if you have a child in Primary 1 or 2 that you would like to bring with you to the service, they can be collected at school after 12.45pm but please inform your child's teacher if it is your intention to do so. All children can be collected from the church after the service or can be walked back to school afterwards to be picked up at 3pm or to attend Kadet Klub. Children in P3 will be required to remain in school until 3pm on this day.

Last Day of Term / Christmas Jumper Day:

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day and will be an opportunity for the children to show off their best festive jumper! A donation of £1.00 towards school funds would be appreciated.

Closing / Opening:

School will close for the Christmas holidays at 12.00 noon on Friday 20th December 2024 (no dinners) for ALL pupils. School re-opens for the Spring Term on **Friday 3rd January 2025**. The Kadet Klub will be in operation on that day.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself, the Staff and the Board of Governors of the school to thank everyone connected with the school for their unstinting support. Without such support our job would be so much more difficult - it is most appreciated. We would also like to wish all of you a most relaxing Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

E Walker - Principal.

