



Kells and Connor Primary School



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Walking Home from School:



School has received several telephone calls from concerned parents and the local community regarding safety issues as senior pupils walk home on their own. School staff and the PSNI have spoken with P4 – P7 pupils about the importance of road safety on the walk home.

I would appreciate it if parents/guardians would speak with their child/children to stress the importance of sensible behaviour on the journey to and from school. We appreciate your support with these measures.

SEAG Test Saturday 16 November:



We want to wish our P7 pupils who will be completing the SEAG test on Saturday morning, all the very best!

The Week Ahead:

Monday:

P5/P6/P7 Movement Monday activities at Kells MUGA.

Boys P6 & P7 – Tag Rugby Boys P5 – Football (shin guards required)

Collect from MUGA at 3:00 pm

Girls P5 & P6 group 1 – Hockey (shin guards/gum shields required)

Girls P7 & P6 group 2 – Netball

Collect from SCHOOL at 3:00 pm



Tuesday:

P6 Swimming - please remember swimming kits/towels.

Thursday:

Coaching for Christ activities for **P3/P4F/P4H/P5** – pupils should wear appropriate sportswear with their school poloshirt & sweatshirt ie leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers.

Afterschool Clubs week commencing 18 November 2024:



Monday - Friday	P1 - P3	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Stay & Play
Monday	P1 & P2	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Music Club
	P3 – P7	3:00 – 4:00 pm	
Tuesday	P1 – P3	2:00 – 3:00 pm	MMD Lego Club
	P4 – P7	3:00 – 4:00 pm	
Wednesday	P4 – P7	3:00 – 4:00 pm	Choir

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Children In Need:



The ASDA Pudsey Push held in school yesterday raised the fantastic sum of **£190** for the Children In Need appeal. Well done to everyone and thank you for your support!

Please note: Tomorrow, Friday 15 November will be a normal school day - all pupils should wear their uniform to school.

PTA Meeting:

The PTA will hold their next meeting in school on **Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome to attend.



World Diabetes Day:



This will be a **non-uniform day** in school. Pupils can come to school on **Friday, 22 November** wearing something **blue** to help to support and raise awareness for those affected by this condition. A small donation of **£1 per pupil** is suggested.

Date Change for Flute Lessons:



Miss McErlean is unable to attend on Wednesday 11 December for flute tuition. Lessons in lieu of this day will take place on **Friday 22 November**. Please ensure your child brings their instrument to school on this day.

Christmas Lunch:



We have been informed by the School Meals Kitchen that Christmas lunch will be served to pupils on **Tuesday 03 December 2024**. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please make a booking in the normal way on ParentPay, for **Tuesday 03 December**. If your child is entitled to free school meals, you must also make a booking. A traditional Christmas dinner will be served to pupils. The cost is the same as a normal school meal priced at £2.60. We would ask that you book your child's Christmas dinner **before Tuesday 26 November 2024**.

Please note: Parents will appreciate that numbers need to be confirmed with the School Meals' Kitchen in advance as they will be catering for several schools. For this reason, late requests cannot be accepted.

Tuesday 03 December will also be our **Christmas jumper day**. It is a **non-uniform day**, and a donation of **£1 per pupil** is suggested.



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Deposits P7 Residential Trip:



Parents are reminded that any outstanding deposits for the P7 Residential Trip to the Share Village **must be paid by 29 November** to allow school to confirm our booking. Please make your payment via Parentpay as soon as possible.

Final Balance Due Christmas Pantomime Outings:



We would remind parents that final payments must be made **before 30 November** for our P1 – P4 Christmas outing to the Braid Arts Centre and for the P5 – P7 outing to the Grand Opera House. Please complete your payment on Parentpay as soon as possible.

Ballymena Rotary Club Christmas Hamper Appeal:



Each year local schools collect groceries and members of Ballymena Rotary Club make up hampers which are distributed to the elderly and less fortunate people in the Ballymena area. They are asking for our help this year and so we would ask you once again to help us support this in the run up to Christmas, by bringing along or sending in some groceries if you can. A list of suggested items is provided below. Please send any donations to school before **Friday, 29 November**.

Pasta	Tea Bags/Coffee	Baby wipes/Nappies/Tissues
Pot Noodles	Sugar	Towels
Rice	Custard/Jelly	Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Pasta Sauce	Jam	Shower gel
Noodles	Children's Selection Boxes	Shampoo
Tinned Veg/Baked Beans/Soup	Few luxuries ie mince pies etc	Face Cloths
Biscuits	Chocolates/sweets	Combs/Brushes
Fruit Juice	Tinned Meats	Soap
Porridge/Cereals	Tinned Fruit	Deodorant

*****Please remember to check that the 'best by' or 'use by' dates are after Christmas.**

Open Day & Early Finishing Time:



Our school's **Open Day** will take place on **Thursday 09 January 2025 at 1:30 pm**. This is a great opportunity to get to know our school better. Please share this with your friends, family, and the wider community. Pupils will finish early at **1:00 pm** on this day to allow for staff to prepare.

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Date	Event	Notes
Fri 22 November	World Diabetes Day	Wear something blue – bring £1
Tues 03 December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	Please book before 26 November £1 for non-uniform day
Thurs 05 December	P5 – P7 Panto , Grand Opera House 1:30 pm	Return to school 4:30 pm approx
Fri 06 December	Santa Daily Mile in school Christmas Lights Switch-On – Connor	Pupils wear uniform & Santa hat 6:45 pm
Tues 10 December	P1 – P3 Nativity - 1:30 pm performance	Ticket information will follow in due course
Wed 11 December	P1 – P3 Nativity - 10:30 am performance	
Thurs 12 December	PTA Christmas Fair	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Wed 18 December	P1 – P4 Braid Arts Centre, Ballymena 9:30 am	Return to school 11:30 am approx
Thurs 19 December	Carol Service, Connor Presbyterian Church	1:30 pm
Fri 20 December	School finishes for Christmas holidays	Early finish from 12:00 noon
Mon 06 January	Term 2 begins	
Thurs 09 January	School Open Day 1:30 pm	Pupils will finish at 1:00 pm

*****Further details regarding all these events will follow in due course*****

Yours faithfully

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Principal

