



Kells and Connor Primary School



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 7 SEAG Test:



We wish our Year 7 pupils all the best again as they take their last SEAG test on Saturday. Do your very best!

World Diabetes Day:



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

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



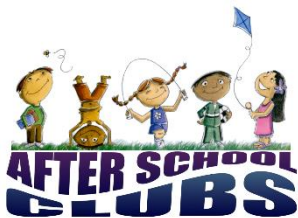
Tuesday:

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 25 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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Flute Lessons:



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

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.



Deposits P7 Residential Trip:



Parents are reminded that all outstanding deposits for the P7 Residential Trip to the Share Village in May 2025 **must be paid before 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:



Please complete **all** payments **before 30 November** for the **P1 – P4** Christmas outing to the Braid Arts Centre and for the **P5 – P7** outing to the Grand Opera House to ensure that a seat is secured for your child.

Finishing Time Thursday 05 December:



P1 – P3 and P4 pupils will finish at **2:00 pm** on **Thursday 05 December** as KS2 pupils and staff will be out at the Grand Opera House pantomime. **Stay & Play will not be available on this day.**

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Ballymena Rotary Club Christmas Hamper Appeal:



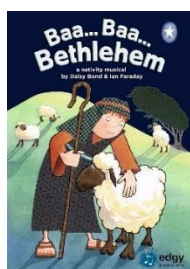
We are delighted to see some donations coming into school for the Rotary Club Christmas Hamper Appeal. Thank you to those parents who have contributed so far.

We still need more and so we are appealing to you again to help us support the Rotary Club by bringing along or sending in some groceries if you can. A box is available in the main reception area of the school where parents can just 'drop-off' any donations. We would need to receive any donations **before Friday 29 November**. A list of suggested items is provided below.

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.**

P1 -P3 Christmas Play: 'Baa Baa Bethlehem'



There will be two performances of our P1 – P3 Christmas play, 'Baa Baa Bethlehem', in the school assembly hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 10 December from 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Wednesday 11 December from 10:30 am - 11:15 am

There will be approximately **110 seats available** for each performance.

Tickets cost **£3.50** each and are available to purchase through Parentpay **from Friday 22 November until Monday 02 December**. All proceeds will go to school funds.

Please Note: Ticket allocation will be **2 per family**, (this can be 2 tickets for the same performance or 1 ticket for each performance).

If any tickets remain unsold on **Wednesday 04 December**, **1 additional ticket** may be available to purchase. Parents will be notified when these tickets are released and they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Please remember, you must present your ticket (**for the correct day**) upon entry.

Can You help?



The PTA are looking for some volunteers to help at the Christmas Fair on Thursday 12 December. If you are available and would like to offer your support, please contact school and your details will be passed along.



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.



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. P1-P4 finish at 2:00 pm No Stay & Play
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	Please see information provided re purchase of tickets
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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Mr S Finlay
Principal

