



Kells and Connor Primary School



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Dear Parent/Guardian



I am asking parents to have a chat with children at home regarding their safety when walking home from school. In particular, to stay away from the stream in Kells as there have been reports of children being near the water on their way home. Thank you for your continued support as we seek to ensure the safety of all our pupils.

A Big Thank You:



On behalf of all the staff and pupils at KCPS, I would like to say a very big thank you to Mr William McCaughey and Mr Melvin Smith who have made very generous donations towards transport costs for pupils. This is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Christmas Parties:



P1 – P3 will have their Christmas party in school tomorrow, **Friday 13 December**. This will be a **non-uniform** day for **P1, P2 & P3** pupils and no money is required.

P4 – P7 will have their Christmas party on **Tuesday 17 December**. Again this is a **non-uniform** day for **P4, P5, P6 & P7** pupils. No money is required.

The Week Ahead:

Monday: There will be no Movement Monday activities next week or Monday 06 January. Activities will restart from **Monday 13 January 2025**.

Tuesday: **P6** Swimming – **final lesson**. Please remember swimming kits & towels.

Thursday: Coaching for Christ activities have now finished for Term 1. Activities will restart on **Thursday 16 January** for **P1, P2, P6 & P7** pupils.

Afterschool Clubs:



Lego Club for all classes has now finished for the term.

Please note: **P1 – P3** will have an afterschool session from **2:00 – 3:00 pm** on **Tuesday 7 January 2025** to make up for cancellation of this week's club.

Choir has also finished for the term.

Stay & Play will be available next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.



PTA Christmas Fair:



The Christmas Fair will take place at the school this evening from **6:30 – 8:30 pm**. If you have not bought a ticket already through Parentpay, please pay at the door. A single ticket (up to 2 children) is £5, and a multiple ticket (3 or more) is £12. Adults are free.

If you have pre-booked to see Santa in his grotto, the arrangements are as follows:

Surnames **A – M** please arrive outside the grotto at **6:30 pm**.

Those with surnames **Mc – Z**, please arrive at **7:30pm**.



We regret that we cannot admit to Santa's grotto without having made a prior booking.

P1 – P4 Christmas Outing:



P1 – P4 pupils will have their Christmas outing to the Braid Arts Centre to see a performance of 'Tale of the Frozen Heart' on **Wednesday 18 December**. Pupils will leave school at 9:30 am and return for approximately 11:30 am.

School uniform is to be worn.

Carol Service:



Our school carol service will take place in **Connor Presbyterian Church** on **Thursday 19 December at 1:30 pm**. We would welcome you all and hope you will join us as our school choir will be singing and pupils will be taking part in the service.

We remind parents that P1 – P3 pupils will finish school early at 12:30 pm but may be taken to the service by parents if they wish. The school bus will be available at **12:30 pm from the school for P1 – P3** pupils who are not attending the service **and at 2:30 pm from the Church for P4 – P7 pupils**. School dinners will be available and should be booked in the normal way. Please note the change of menu below:

Change to Dinner Menu 19 December:



As this will be our last school dinner day, pupils will receive their lunch in a Christmas party box. This will include homemade pizza slice, cocktail sausages, chicken nugget, small bag of chips, sauce, ice-cream tub & Christmas biscuit or choc-ice, carton of orange or apple juice. The cost remains the same at £2.60. **Parents have sole responsibility for the booking of school meals – please ensure you book your child's meal in the normal way for this day.**

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End of Term:



School will finish on **Friday 20 December** for the Christmas holidays. Pick-up times are as follows:

P1 – P3 and older siblings will leave at **12:00 pm**

P4 – P7 will leave at **12:15 pm**

Please make sure any childminders and relatives are aware of the early finishing time.

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
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. School uniform to be worn.
Thurs 19 December	Carol Service, Connor Presbyterian Church	1:30 pm. School dinners as normal P1-P3 home at 12:30 or pupils can attend the service with parents. Bus available at 12:30 from school and 2:30 from Church.
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

Yours faithfully

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Principal

