



December 2018 Newsletter



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Dear families and friends

Thank you for supporting and attending the Christmas Fair with such good cheer. In total we raised £1068.68 for school funds. The evening was enjoyed by everyone and was a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit. This newsletter is packed with information you need to know about our Christmas arrangements and activities. Please keep it and make a note of the dates and times.

REMINDER SCHOOL CLOSURES

School will close for Christmas on Friday 21st December at 12 NOON.
Children return to school on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

SHARED EDUCATION

We have been busy getting to know our partner schools. The staff and children have been enjoying visiting each other and developing new friendships. Please see our website for more details.

PRIMARY 1 & PLAYGROUP APPLICATIONS

Applying for a Pre-School or Primary One place for September 2019

If your child is starting pre-school or primary school in September 2019, you can apply for their place online from **Wednesday 2 January 2019**.

The closing date and time for pre-school and primary one applications will be **12.00 midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019**.

Please visit: <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> for more information.



ADVERSE WEATHER/SNOW ARRANGEMENTS



Luckily, we do not experience too many days where we feel that we may not be able to open the school or that weather conditions may hinder attendance at school. To put it into context, children are expected to attend 185 school days so we are only talking about a very small number of adverse weather days when conditions may cause us an issue. We try not to dwell on these days but focus on all the other happy days we come to school.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the most important factor is the Health & Safety of every member of our school community.

To ensure you do not feel under pressure or put anyone in a situation where children or adults are at risk we would encourage you to carefully assess the weather conditions before making the journey to school. We understand that a large number of families including staff live in areas where there are steep hills and untreated roads. We do not want anyone to worry about the journey to school. We also understand that parents and guardians have the added pressure of needing to get to work on time. Unfortunately, we cannot predict or change bad weather but we can offer solutions to help us have a more pleasant experience.

Please note the following:

As far as is possible we will always try to open the school, however, on the rare occasion where it is deemed too dangerous, a message will be sent through the website and on Facebook at the earliest opportunity.

In the event of adverse weather, there is no immediate rush required to get to school. Children will be marked in for the morning session if they arrive in before 10.30am. Just contact the office to let us know.

If you can avoid driving up the hill to the school, please do so as it can be very slippery, especially around school time when traffic is going in both directions. A later arrival will also mean you will miss some of the congestion. A number of parents used the entrance down at Shepherd's Glen last year and they found this an easier route.

Just an additional note on the above: I have tried for the last 3 years to get the 'gritter' to come up and salt the hill and have been told that we need to have a larger number of road users to justify this. If you have time, I would encourage you to continue to put pressure on the local MLAs and council to afford us this much needed service.

This made us LOL! 😊



FRIENDS OF CHAPEL ROAD PS

Our parent's committee would like to ask you to put aside a Thursday evening in February or March to attend the first 'COOK OFF' event at CRPS. The date and final details are being confirmed and will be ready to be advertised in early January. Please make this an event for your diary when the date becomes available.

If you feel like you would like to join the committee, please contact the office on 028 71341419 and we will pass on your details.



It is 19 sleeps until Christmas morning so we have 10.5 school days to go!

See below some of the planned activities and events we have in store between now and Christmas. As always we need and appreciate your continued support with everything we do.

MON 10 DEC

Shared Education-P1 & P2 visit to OIPS

TUES 11 DEC

Fire Service visit to P5

WED 12 DEC

Christmas Show -1.30pm

THURS 13 DEC

Christmas Show -10.00am & 6.00pm

MON 17 DEC

Children can wear Christmas clothes to school this week-this is optional as some children and parents prefer to stick to the school uniform

TUES 18 DEC

Whole school Pantomime trip to 'Cinderella' in the Waterside Theatre

Cost £3.00 per child

WED 19 DEC

Christmas Dinner -£2.60-Children can wear Christmas jumpers/clothes/hairbands/tinsel or uniform if they wish

FRI 21 DEC

School finishes at 12 NOON



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Friday 21st December at 12 NOON-Thursday 3rd January 2019

FIRST CONFESSION-PRIMARY 4

Friday 8th March 2019 at 2.00pm in the assembly hall.

FIRST COMMUNION-PRIMARY 4

Saturday 18th May 2019 at 11.30am in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road followed by refreshments in the school assembly hall.

CONFIRMATION-PRIMARY 7

Saturday 2nd February 2019 at 2.30pm in St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

'TINSEL AND TEA TOWELS'

CHRISTMAS SHOW PERFORMANCES

WHOLE SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP

Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 1.30pm

Thursday 13th December at 10.00am

Thursday 13th December at 6.00pm

Thank you for your continued support in all that we do.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Mrs. Bacheta and staff