

Principal's Update 24.11.22



Dear Parents,

We are nearly into December and lots of exciting plans ahead, as we prepare for our Open Evening and Christmas performances.

Reminder of future events:



We are hosting an **Open Evening for all prospective P1 pupils** and for those in our community who wish to visit our school. This event will be held on **Monday 5.12.22 from 5.00-7.00p.m.** If you wish to be in attendance as a prospective P1 parent, please telephone our school office on 02838318261 to confirm you will be in attendance.

Non-uniform day!

Our next **Non-Uniform day** will be held on **Monday 28.11.22**. All proceeds from this day will be shared with our chosen charity and school funds to enhance our play resources for pupils. Please support us on this day. **Payment of £2 can made via Parentpay.**



Our **Annual Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Friday 16.12.22** and everyone is invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day. If you wish your child to have dinner please make payment of £2.60 via parentpay.

All pupils will be dismissed at 1.00p.m on this day. The bus service will not be operating at 1.00p.m.



You will have seen the **'Village Christmas lights switch on'** notice on our Facebook page for this coming Wednesday evening in Poyntzpass village. We are inviting pupils from P4 – P7 to join us as part of our choir for some Christmas carols at this event. Can you please confirm via email to: cwadsworth679@c2kni.net if your child will be in attendance with you at this event to help support the choir. Thank you in advance for your support.



We are holding our Annual Christmas Plays. We are facilitating two performances on **Tuesday 13.12.22**. The morning performance will commence at **10.00a.m.** and the evening performance will commence at **6.30p.m.**

P1-3 pupils are performing 'Whoops – a -Daisy Angel'
P4-7 pupils are performing 'Tinsel and TeaTowels'.

We will be providing the opportunity for you to purchase tickets for this event, allocating 3 tickets approximately per family. **Tickets will be available to purchase via parentpay with a closing date of 9.12.22. £3 per adult and £1.50 per child.** If additional places are available after 9.12.22 we will inform you and provide a further opportunity for you to purchase additional tickets, if required.



Fundraising Update



We wish to thank you for your support with our end of month non-uniform days. We have raised the following amounts:

September – Air Ambulance – We will donate £150.00 from the £202.00 raised.

October – Creeslough – We raised £246.00.

We want to congratulate all our families, who have supported our fundraising efforts to date. November's charity is the Southern Area Hospice.



PUPIL BOOKS GOING HOME

Reminder:

This **Friday 25.11.22** we will be issuing pupils Literacy and Numeracy books for you to review with your child at home. We invite feedback from you on the attached proforma which you will receive and we would kindly ask that you **please ensure the books are returned to school with your child on Monday 28.11.22**



Tuesday 29th November and Wednesday 30th November in Poyntzpass Community Hall from 2.00-5.00p.m. our pupils art will be on display. Please do come along and view the work on display over some light refreshments.

To purchase your child's finished art work, please make payment of £5 via parentpay, by noon Thursday 1.12.22. All proceeds will be donated to Southern Area Hospice.



We would like to remind you that Bee Active is continuing on Wednesday for an additional 4 weeks, beginning this week. Football will also be available for a further three weeks. If you wish your child to attend, please pay via parentpay.

After School Minding – we will provide after school minding for parents from 2.00–5.00p.m. Monday to Thursday for the month of December, if numbers prove this is a viable option for us to facilitate. Please express your interest by contacting Mrs Morrow our school secretary on lmorrow846@c2kni.net or telephone the school office on 02838318261. We do require sufficient notice to be given in advance to arrange staffing on these days.

Wishing everyone in our school community a lovely weekend ahead.

Yours in continued partnership

C. Wadsworth and staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S.