

Principal's Update 8.12.22



Dear Parents,

We are well on our way with preparations for one of the busiest weeks in our school calendar next week.

Parent information in preparation for our school Christmas Performances:

- **Can all pupils please bring their costumes into school on Friday 9.12.22 so each teacher can check these. We would be grateful if you have any surplus costumes, you may like to offer to help a friend.**

Thankyou.

- P1-3 parents please email your class teacher as mentioned in yesterdays message the adult collecting your child from the school hall following the evening performance
- **We ask that all pupils in P1-3** come to school dressed in their costumes for the Christmas performances on **both Monday 12.12.22 and Tuesday 13.12.22**, this includes the evening performance. On both days, please ensure you provide your child's school tracksuit to change into following both morning performances in a bag clearly labelled.
- Can all pupils please be dropped off at school on Tuesday evening from 6.10p.m. P1-3 pupils will proceed to the P1/2 classroom and P4-7 pupils will proceed to the school dinner hall.
- Parents who are not coming to the evening performance, can you please ensure your child if in P1-3 is collected promptly at 7.00p.m from the school hall to release staff to support the K.S.2 production.
- Following the K.S.2 production pupils will be dismissed from the kitchen area in the Parish Hall that leads directly to the front door.

Important Dates for the week ahead:

Monday 12.12.22 – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Plays

Tuesday 13.12.22 - 10.00a.m. Performance in Parish Hall

6.30p.m. Performance in Parish Hall

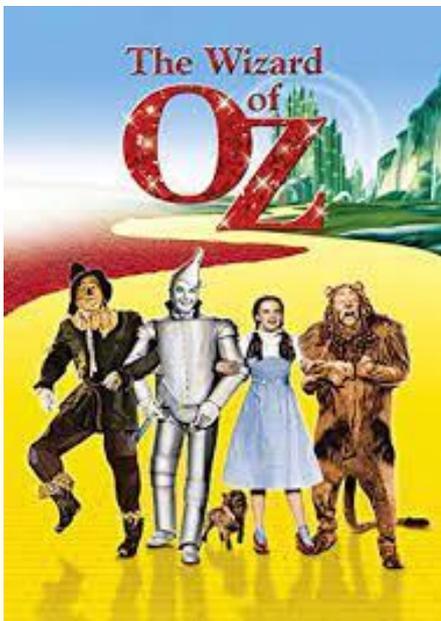
Wednesday 14.12.22 – Our school choir are performing for the Pensioner Group

Thursday 15.12.22 – Christmas School Mass in our Parish Church, everyone welcome!

Friday 16.12.22 – Christmas Dinner and wear your Christmas jumper day. Pupils go home at 1.00p.m. No school bus service available on this day.

Monday 19.12.22 – Whole school going to Newry Pantomime 1.15- 3.15p.m. Collection of pupils will be 3.45p.m. from school that afternoon

Wednesday 21.12.22 – School closes for all pupils at 11.00a.m. No buses available at 11.00a.m.



All pupils are scheduled to attend Newry Pantomime on 19.12.22. Pupils can wear their school tracksuit on this day. **Please ensure you have made payment of £10 via parent pay for your child to attend no later than Thursday 15.12.22**

Collection for all pupils will take place from 3.45 p.m at the school on this day. Pupils who normally avail of the bus service, please note it will not be available on this day due to the later finish time of the Pantomime.



We would like to congratulate all our pupils who have contributed so generously to our chosen charities this term. It was lovely to meet Amy from Air Ambulance who received a cheque for £150, raised in September. We hope you also viewed the letter we received from Irish Red Cross, which we posted on our Facebook page. They too were most grateful to receive the generous contribution of £264.00 raised from October's Non-Uniform day.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our chosen charities this term.



A **local group** is currently being formed and resources gathered to endeavour to help any person / family in our community who may be in need at this time.

The group are keen to know the particular needs of the families/individuals in order to direct resources most effectively.

If you or someone you know could avail of such support please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Contact the group via **Helena-07856986319** or **Robert-07972593705**

You can also contact **C. Wadsworth** at **St. Joseph and St. James's** via cwadsworth679@c2kni.net

Please know that any correspondence or action will be held in the strictest confidence.

As we enter our third week of Advent we are reminded of the theme of Joy, also known as Gaudete Sunday.



Wishing all our families and community a joyful weekend ahead

Yours in continued partnership

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