

Principal's Update 20.12.22



Dear Parents,

We have thoroughly enjoyed all our celebrations in preparation for Christmas over this past week, pupils and staff included. The sheer joy from each child, as they were greeted by Santa, receiving their gift from us all here in St. Joseph and St. James's. It was especially great to hear from Santa that all our boys and girls are most definitely on the 'nice list'!!

I am sure you have enjoyed watching our updates via the school Facebook page. We will continue to publish longer videos on our website of the key events which have taken place.

Thank You

Can we please extend our sincere thanks to you all for your generosity and gifts received by all staff, when we are ever mindful of the financial constraints many face at this time and are overwhelmed by your kindness. Thank you!

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We were absolutely thrilled that Santa came to visit all our pupils yesterday. We have posted summary videos on both our Facebook and School website pages of each pupil who met with Santa, we hope you enjoy it all. I know we as a staff had a brilliant time celebrating with all our pupils.









On Monday afternoon we had a brilliant time, extending our day with our Party Disco. All pupils had the opportunity to play the traditional games such as musical statues, musical chairs, pot the snowball and the all important dance off between boys and girls. Keep an eye out for a compilation video to follow



Important Dates for Term 2

- **We wish to remind you that school will close for all pupils at 11.00a.m. on Wednesday 21.12.22. No bus service is available on this day.**
- Our new term commences on Monday 9.1.23 for all pupils.
- We are delighted to offer our **Breakfast Club 8.00-8.45** and **After School Minding Club 2.00-3.00 and 3.00-4.00**. If you require additional provision, please do get in contact with Mrs Morrow and we will endeavour to facilitate as best we can. We require you to book each week in advance via parent pay so we can arrange staffing for these clubs.
- **P.3 pupils will remain in school from 9.1.23 until 3.00p.m each day. On Friday all pupils in P1, 2 and 3 will go home at 2.00p.m.**
- **Recorder at Newry Feis** – All pupils in P5,6,7 are able to enter for the solo recorder piece. Our closing date is **12.1.23**. Please email Mrs Morrow before 9.1.23, confirming if you wish your child to be entered for the solo piece and making payment of **£3 via parent pay**. All pupils in P5,6 and 7 will be entered with their class, as an ensemble and part of our provision for the music curriculum.

After School Clubs commencing January 2023:

Monday 16.1.23		Irish Dancing for Fun – 2.00-3.00 for all pupils. Payment of £2.50 can be made via Parent Pay
Tuesday 17.1.23		Gaelic After Schools for all pupils with Mr O'Hagan 3.00-4.00. Payment of £2.50 for each session can be made via Parent Pay.
Wednesday 18.1.23		Anto Bee Active After school will commence on this date. Please book in advance via Parent pay. Payment of £4.00 must be paid in advance of each class please.
Friday 20.1.22		Soccer Bee Active After school will commence on this date. Please book in advance via Parent pay. Payment of £4.00 must be paid in advance of each class please.

Wishing all our families and community a very Happy and Holy Christmas.



Yours in continued partnership

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