



# Autumn Term Newsletter



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Dear Parents

## **Advent Liturgies**

This week, we will be having our Advent Liturgy for Y1 to Year 6 on Tuesday morning at 10.45am. You are very welcome to attend. Please see overleaf for information on times.

## **Lost property**

I'd just like to request that parents kindly check that your entire child's uniform is named and that they have all the required items. There is a large number of items in our lost property which have not got names on and therefore cannot be given to the owner.

## **Social Media Access**

We are finding increasingly that we are having to deal with issues caused by children's use of social media outside school. We have serious concerns and we worry that some parents are clearly not fully aware of the extent to which it is causing issues not only with regards to accessing inappropriate content but also in the issues it is causing with friendships. We are also seeing incidences of bad language being used which has caused upset to a number of our children. Social media sites cannot and do not verify their members, therefore, it is important to remember that if your son/daughter can lie about who they are online, so can anyone else. Primarily, these occurrences and reported incidents of misuse of social media sites happen at home, after school hours when children have access to web sites that are blocked in school. With this in mind, and in response to concerned parents who have asked for advice regarding internet safety, we feel it is important to point out to parents the risks of unregulated use of such sites, so you can make informed decisions as to whether to allow your child to have a profile or not and when and how to monitor their use, particularly at night time. We strongly advise a device free bedroom policy after bedtime to allow for uninterrupted sleep and rest. Although we cannot govern matters occurring out of school hours which is parental responsibility, we will take action (such as reporting under age profiles) if a problem comes to our attention that involves the safety or wellbeing of any of our pupils, including reporting the use of inappropriate images of young people to the police, as this is a legal matter. Children need to be aware that anything put on the Internet stays there forever we urge you to monitor your child's use and talk to them about safe and appropriate online behaviour including use of language and how they communicate to other people, ensuring profanity is discouraged.

## **Medication**

Please make sure that if your child needs to have medicine administered at school, you hand the medicine to Mrs Haneef or the class teacher. Please do not send in medication with your child in their book bag. It is your responsibility as a parent to inform the school if your child needs to have medication during school hours.

## **Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves**

Last week we sent out letters regarding 'Ali Baba and the Forty thieves' show which is taking place on Wednesday 12th December in the afternoon. Thank you to all the parents who have already sent in the contribution of £3. Please send in your contribution in an envelope with your child's name on it.

## **New Build Update**

We have been asked to make a contribution of £185,000 for the new School build. As a result we are running a number of fundraising activities. Keep a look out.

## **Christmas Jumper Day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

We are asking that each child brings £1 and wears a Christmas Jumper. All proceeds to the new school build.

## **NO NUTS**

**PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOUR CHILD NUTS AS A SNACK FOR BREAK TIME. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH NUT ALLERGIES IN THE SCHOOL. THE ONLY SNACK A CHILD SHOULD HAVE FOR BREAK IS FRUIT.**

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs McSperrin  
Head Teacher

# News Items

## Children who have been awarded certificates w/c 05/11 & 19/11/2018

1 Zuzanna, Martim, Aiden, Nadia

2 Romeo, Isabella, James, Iyannah

3 Michal, Yuan, Amalia, Demi,

4 Nathan, Caleb, Cashimier, Laura, Radek

5 Amelia P, Sandra, Aleks, Patricia

6 Kuba, Cillian

**Pen Licence**  
Oisin, Michal & Amelia P

### FORTHCOMING DATES

28 Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccination
29 Nov	R & Y6 Height & Weight program
7 Dec	Christmas Fayre and Wear a Christmas Jumper bring £1
12 Dec	Panto for the children
13 Dec	Advent Mass at 9.30 at English Martyrs Church
13 Dec	Film night juniors
14 Dec	Film night infants
20 Dec	School disco (OWN CLOTHES)
21 Dec	School closes for Christmas Holidays (OWN CLOTHES)
7 Jan 2019	Staff Inset NO SCHOOL
8 Jan 2019	School open for the Spring Term

## Advent Food Bank Friday

Please see below the items required for our Advent appeal. These are to be brought in on the designated dates.

Week 1	30 <sup>th</sup> November	Tinned Meat and Fish
Week 2	7th December	Tinned Fruit and Veg
Week 3	14th December	Toiletries
Week 4	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Tea, Coffee and Sugar

## Please note there is an important letter in your child's bag.

This will be the last newsletter, as of today you will be able to access all correspondence through an APP. Any letters and diary dates will also be accessible via the app.

There will be no excuse to say you have not received any correspondence from the school. There will be a few hard copies available on the rack outside the school office.

## Advent Liturgies held in the school hall on Tuesday 27 Nov 10.45am

Year 1 to Year 6 All parents welcome

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## Advent Mass English Martyrs Church Thursday 13 Dec 9.30

Children from Y1 to Y6 will be walking up to Mass.

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**Children from Reception will need to be escorted by their parent. Please see Miss Nolan for further details.**

**PARENTPAY COMING SOON PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

## PLEASE FILL JARS FOR CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Please can you fill jars with sweets for the Christmas fayre. We need them by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. See below for ideas of sweets that can be used: like haribos, sherbets, haribo eggs, jelly beans, dolly mixtures, flying saucers, wine gums, marsh mallows and smarties.

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