



PARENT NEWSHEET DECEMBER 2018

Once again, December is another busy month here at St. Patrick's Primary School so please take a note of these dates for your diary.

SWITCHING ON OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – will take place on Friday 30th November. Angela has asked for all pupils in the choir (P3-P7) to be at the crib at 6.00pm to sing a few Christmas Carols with pupils from Gortin Controlled P.S. All pupils must be accompanied by an adult.

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – We would appreciate if you could make a big effort to sell as many tickets as possible for our raffle and forward them to the school before this date, as we hope to do the draw for the two main prizes on the night of our concert (Monday 17th). Any donations for the raffle will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Friday 14th December – 10.30am and Monday 17th December 7.00pm. - For Health & Safety reasons and to reduce numbers on Monday night, we are asking those who can attend our concert in the morning, to come along to our dress rehearsal on Friday 14th at 10.30am. We will have to limit numbers on Monday night as the hall will only hold 200 at the most.

P6/7 PDMU THROUGH SPORT PROGRAMME.



“Every Wednesday Alex comes to our school. He teaches us about PATHS and how to respect others. He plays games with us to show us how to work with others. So far, we have learned about respect, differences and similarities. He has only been with us for two weeks but we love it so far”

By Sarah McConnell P7.

“Alex split us into two teams. One of our teams was called “KFC Champs” and the other team was called “The 11 Potato Hoops!” Alex let us make up our own handshakes with our team-mates. The main thing he told us was to be “imaginative” Alex has great fun with us while teaching us about respect and teamwork.”

By Ellie Daly P6.

BREAKFAST CLUB – Please keep our Breakfast Club sustainable by making a big effort to use it as often as possible for your children in the mornings. It is a fantastic asset for the school and community and we would hate to lose it, if it isn't used by enough pupils each day. Entrance is down the side path - via the hall door.

BUDDY BENCH – A big thanks to the Owenkillew Credit Union, who have sponsored a new Buddy Bench for our playground, which will be used daily by our pupils at break and dinnertime. It is very much appreciated by everyone!

WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER - PANTO TRIP – “Ali Baba & the Forty Thieves” – In St. Joseph's Hall, Omagh starting at 10.00am. Could all pupils please wear **uniform** on this day as there will be a large number of schools attending. They also need a **packed lunch** and do not need to bring any money with them. We hope to return to the school at around 1.30pm. Cost is £4.50 per pupil. We will pay £250 transport costs from School Funds.

P5 FIRE SAFETY TALK – Our P5 pupils recently took part in a fire safety talk with local fireman Andy Anderson.



“A Fireman called Andy came in to talk to the P5 class about fire safety. He gave us a list and we had to circle the things that could cause a fire. When we were done, he gave us a book. There was a game of Snakes & Ladders and a pack of cards in the pack he gave us as well. He told us that it is very important to check that your smoke alarms are working every week. He told us not to charge our phones, Ipads or other electronic devices at night.”

By Shea O'Neill P5.

NON-UNIFORM DAY – NOVEMBER – Total Raised - £120.00
for “Children in need.”



BLYTHSWOOD SHOWBOX APPEAL – Thank you to everyone
who took part – We collected 78 in total which was fantastic!



PARENTS MEETINGS – Wednesday 5th December – PLEASE CHECK LETTERS FOR TIME. School will close for pupils at 12 noon on this day. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up at this time.

THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DINNER

The cost of our Christmas dinner will be £2.60, the same as a normal school dinner. We would appreciate if we had an idea of numbers by Friday 1st December. This is always a lovely school occasion where the majority of children take part. Even if your child is normally on lunches, it would be a lovely opportunity for them to join with the others and take Christmas Dinner on this day. Heather, the Supervisory Assistants and the Classroom Assistants go to great lengths to make it very special and memorable. The dinner never, ever disappoints! The pupils may wear their **Christmas jumpers** and **hats** on this day!

NEW P1 INTAKE – The way in which parents apply for P1 places is changing. There will be a new **ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS** for children due to start school in september 2019 - i.e. children born between 2nd July 2014 and 1st July 2015 (inclusive). Applications open **ONLINE** for parents to apply for their child's place on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 and will close on Thursday 31st January 2019. Check the EA Website link;

www.eani.org.uk/admissions-guides/primary-schools-admission-guide/general-information

for details on how to apply for a place. We would appreciate if you would let any new parents know of this new procedure.

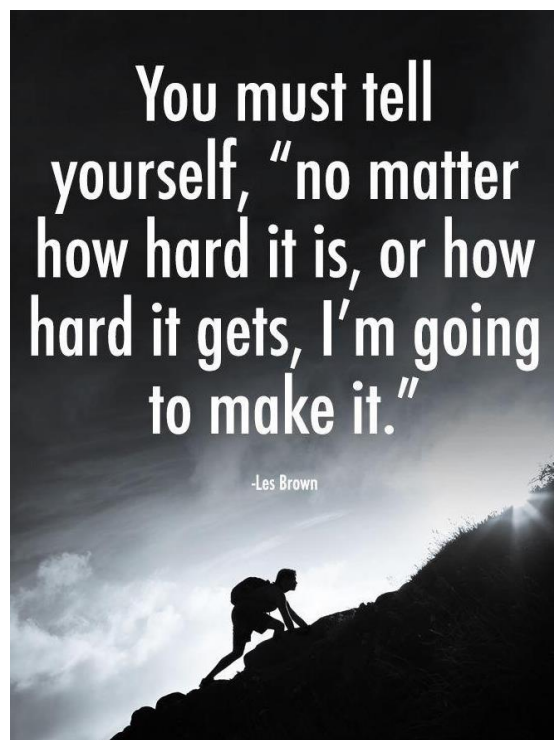
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL WILL FINISH ON FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 11am. There will be no dinners on this day. School will re-open on FRIDAY 4th JANUARY 2018.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Confirmation – Sunday 24th March 2019 – 10.00am St. Mary's Rouskey.

First Confession – Monday 1st April 2019 – 7.00pm St. Patrick's Church Gortin.

First Communion – Sunday 2nd June 2019 – 11.00am St. Patrick's Church Gortin.



Many more photos from our school activities can be viewed online on www.stpatricksgortin.com