

# St. Mary's Primary School Cabragh

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30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Christmas Cards/Presents

The staff have agreed this year, that parents, if they wish, should donate to the 'For You' Charity based in Dungannon, or your local Saint Vincent de Paul Charity, in lieu of sending in staff Christmas presents. We also ask that Christmas cards are not sent into school to exchange with either staff or children to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. If you wish, you or your child, can send a Christmas message to the teacher via Google Classroom.

## Christmas Holidays

The last day in school will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. School will be closed Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January (inclusive). Your child will return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. **These arrangements may be subject to change**, dependent on any impromptu announcements from the Department of Education / NI Executive.

## Virtual Pantomime

Unfortunately, this year, we are unable to attend Live Pantomime performances due to COVID-19. The Ulster Theatre Company is making their hit pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' available for streaming into school. The pantomime will be very interactive and can be streamed on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The pantomime will bring fun and laughter to our children in a safe environment. **The cost will be £3 per child.** This must be paid via the School Money App on or before **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

## School Money App

**If you paid for a school trip last year (2019-2020) and it didn't happen due to Lockdown, this will either be refunded to you in June by cheque, or used to pay for an end of year school trip (if this is allowed and COVID-19 restrictions are eased).**

## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Your child may wear their Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper on this day. For anyone who hasn't used the School Money App, make sure you are set up and have password details for paying for Christmas dinner. If you have any problems, contact the school.

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## School Photos

Proofs have been sent home today. Jim Hamill has requested that all reply slips, orders and money are returned to the school office on or before **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

## First Holy Communion

Father Hannigan has set a date for First Holy Communion for Primary 4 pupils. First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.

(This date may be subject to change, dependent on COVID-19 and any further lockdowns)

## Confirmation

Father Hannigan has set a date for Confirmation for Primary 7 pupils. Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**.

(This date may be subject to change, dependent on COVID-19 and any further lockdowns)

## Accelerated Reader (P4-P7)

As you are aware, your child was set an individual AR target at the start of the school year. It is so important that your child uses this fantastic resource for reading, to improve fluency and comprehension skills. The end date for this term's target is **11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. It has been noted by the teachers that some of the children are not on track towards meeting their target. Please encourage your child to keep reading, using the 'Myon' reading programme and taking AR quizzes to ensure he/she reaches 100% by 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Prizes have been bought for those children who have reached their target. Your child will be very disappointed if they have not reached their target and do not receive a prize. **Keep working hard on your AR over the next two weeks!**

## Key Dates to remember this month-

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Love for Life – I-Smart / E-Safety Programme for P6 & P7.

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## Fundamental Dates (P1-P4)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## Friday During School- 4 Week Programme

**Primary 6-** (13th Nov, 27th Nov, **4th Dec, 11th Dec**)

Primary 7- (8th Jan, 15th, 22nd Jan, 29th Jan)

## Friday Afterschool Basketball- 6 week Programme

**Primary 5-** (13th Nov, 27th Nov, **4th Dec, 11th Dec, 18th Dec, 8th Jan**)

Primary 6- (15th Jan, 22nd Jan, 29th Jan, 5th Feb, 12th Feb, 26th Feb)

Primary 7- (5th Mar, 12th Mar, 26th Mar, 16th Apr, 23rd Apr, 30th Apr)

## Monday Afterschool Multi-sports KS1 4 Week Programme

**Primary 4-** (16th Nov, 23rd Nov, **30th Nov 7th Dec**)

Primary 3- (11th Jan, 18th Jan, 25th Jan, 1st February)

## Robot Programming and Coding for Primary 6

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December

## Head lice

There have been some reported cases of head lice in school. It is very important that girls keep their hair tied back securely in school. Please try to check your child's head carefully on a weekly basis. Check carefully, especially behind the ears and nape of the neck. If you find any nits or head lice, please refer to the letter sent home today and advice sheet sent home earlier in the year.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Louise Quinn

