

# St. Mary's Primary School Cabragh

10 Whites Road, Cabragh, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, BT70 3AN

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Principal: Mrs Louise Quinn



30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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, in lieu of sending in staff Christmas presents. 'Little Hands' in conjunction with Killeeshil runners, have organised a Christmas Collection in Killeeshil Community Centre on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December for the Dungannon based charity 'For You'. We also plan to hold a **"Pyjama Day" on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. We ask that the children pay **£2** (via the School Money app), in lieu of sending in staff Christmas presents, and we will donate all the money raised to our local Saint Vincent de Paul charity. 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.

## Virtual Christmas Concert

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are unable to perform our Christmas Concert in the Community Centre. We are so disappointed, that once again, our school community are unable to come together to enjoy the seasonal festivities. The children are currently working very hard on their performances for the Christmas Concert. We plan to video the concert and share via the school website before the Christmas holidays. Please see Google Classroom for links to songs etc so your child can practise at home. The class teacher will also have provided some information regarding any costumes required for the concert.

## Christmas Holidays

The last day in school will be Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (Half Day). School will close at 12 noon. School will be closed Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January (inclusive). Your child will return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on **Friday 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.

**Christmas Dinner Menu-** Turkey, cocktail sausages, carrots, peas, stuffing, roast potatoes, mash potatoes and gravy. **Dessert-** Chocolate Fudge Cake.

**Please Note:** There is a menu change on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Fishfingers and chicken paninis will be served instead of turkey.

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## School Dinner- Party Day

The school cooks have organised a school dinner 'Party Day' for **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. The children will be given a party box with Chicken nuggets and chips and a Chocolate muffin for dessert.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 11am**.

## Confirmation

Father Hannigan has set a date for Confirmation for Primary 7 pupils. Confirmation will take place on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. *Time to be confirmed.*

## 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 **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. 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 and taking AR quizzes to ensure he/she reaches 100% by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021. 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!**



St. Mary's has invested in the Wordshark spelling programme for Primary 2 and 3 children. "Wordshark" aims to develop phonics and spelling skills and build the children's confidence and enjoyment in spelling. Parents who take on a supportive role in their children's learning make a difference in improving achievement. Your child will progress more quickly if you can support them with this spelling programme. Please ensure that your child uses the programme at home to achieve their full potential in spelling. The children have received their usernames and password details for the spelling programme which will reinforce the spellings the children are learning in school. **It is vital that your child uses this resource to consolidate and reinforce their spellings.** The link for "wordshark" is: <http://onwordshark.com/stmaryscabragh/login> You can find a shortcut to Wordshark on the school website. (Kids Area/ Wordshark) Click on the 'Wordshark' button

**Wordshark**

## **Key Dates to remember this month-**

- "Pyjama Day" on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** (All proceeds in aid of St. Vincent de Paul)
- Christmas dinner will be served on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**
- 'Party Day' School Dinner- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021**
- Half Day on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. School closes 12 noon.

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## **Fundamental Dates (P1-P4)**

Wednesday 1st December

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## **AB Coaching (P5-P7)**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## **Hurling- Primary 7**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## **Tin Whistle Lessons- Primary 5-7**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## **Monday Afterschool Multi- Sports**

Primary 3- (6<sup>th</sup> December – Final session for P3)

Primary 5- (13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Primary 6- (21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April)

Primary 7- (25<sup>th</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> June)

## **Thursday Basketball Afterschool**

Primary 6- (2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Primary 7- (13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> March)

Primary 5 - (10<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April)

Primary 6- (28<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June)

## **Robot Programming and Coding (REIM) for Primary 6 and Primary 7**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Kind Regards,

Louise Quinn