

St. Mary's Primary School Cabragh

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Principal: Mrs Louise Quinn



30th 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 10th and Saturday 11th December for the Dungannon based charity 'For You'. We also plan to hold a **"Pyjama Day" on Monday 6th 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 22nd December (Half Day). School will close at 12 noon. School will be closed Thursday 23rd December – Tuesday 4th January (inclusive). Your child will return to school on Wednesday 5th January.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on **Friday 10th 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 9th 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 21st 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 11th June 2022 at 11am**.

Confirmation

Father Hannigan has set a date for Confirmation for Primary 7 pupils. Confirmation will take place on **Wednesday 18th 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 10th 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 10th 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 6th December** (All proceeds in aid of St. Vincent de Paul)
- Christmas dinner will be served on **Friday 10th December 2021**
- 'Party Day' School Dinner- **Tuesday 21st December 2021**
- Half Day on **Wednesday 22nd December**. School closes 12 noon.

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Fundamental Dates (P1-P4)

Wednesday 1st December

Wednesday 8th December

Wednesday 15th December

AB Coaching (P5-P7)

Tuesday 30th November

Tuesday 7th December

Tuesday 14th December

Tuesday 21st December

Hurling- Primary 7

Wednesday 1st December

Wednesday 8th December

Wednesday 15th December

Tin Whistle Lessons- Primary 5-7

Thursday 2nd December

Thursday 9th December

Thursday 16th December

Monday Afterschool Multi- Sports

Primary 3- (6th December – Final session for P3)

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

Primary 6- (21st Feb, 28th Feb, 7th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April)

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

Thursday Basketball Afterschool

Primary 6- (2nd Dec, 9th Dec, 16th Dec)

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

Primary 5 - (10th March, 24th March, 31st March, 7th April)

Primary 6- (28th April, 12th May, 19th May, 26th May, 9th June)

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

Monday 10th January 2022

Monday 17th January 2022

Monday 24th January 2022

Monday 31st January 2022

Kind Regards,

Louise Quinn