

A Monday Note

17 December 2018

School Photographs

Any *outstanding payments for photographs or unwanted photographs* should now be returned to your child's class teacher.

Friends of the Cancer Centre

As in previous years we would like to give parents the opportunity to make a small donation to our Christmas Charity rather than buying gifts for staff in school. Our chosen charity is 'Friends of the Cancer Centre'. A post box is in our foyer if the children wish to post a donation.

Non-Uniform Days

Please note that ***Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week will be non-uniform days*** and, as previously advised, ***Friday 21 December will be our Christmas Jumper Day.***

Christmas Holidays

School will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 21 December. Corby Drive and Ballymacash gates will be open to ease traffic congestion.

School will re-open for all pupils on Monday 7 January 2019.

Primary 1 Admissions

Parents of children due to commence Primary 1 in September 2019 should note that EA will this year introduce ***online*** applications for admission. The Go Live date for the new digital admissions is ***Wednesday 2 January 2019 at 10.00 am.*** ***The closing time and date for punctual applications will be 12.00 midnight on Thursday 31 January 2019.***

Having submitted the online application parents should provide their child's original birth certificate directly to the first preference school.

Christmas Productions and Carol Services

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere "thank you" to all of our pupils and staff for their hard work in preparing for the Christmas productions and Carol Services.

Each year I am truly amazed and delighted with the achievements of each of the year-groups. It has been a real privilege to watch our children grow in confidence through their involvement in their Christmas productions and Carol Services in school and at Lisburn Cathedral. Their performances have been a delight and remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

Our Choir also sang at the Waterfront Hall on Saturday when they gave another outstanding performance. We will have children singing for the residents of Pond Park Care Home and Laurelhill House later this week to complete a busy but very enjoyable Christmas schedule in school.

Lost Property

If your child has lost any clothing or other items please check in Lost Property. At the end of term anything unclaimed will be given to charity. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled.

After-School Care

When school re-opens in January Nosey Parkers will open Monday to Friday from 2.00 pm until **6.00 pm**. If anyone would like further information or to avail of this service, please contact Alison on 07545 543 860.

Praying Parents

Our Praying Parents group will meet on **Thursday 20 December from 9.00 am until 9.30 am** in the Staff Room. Everyone will be welcomed.

As we approach the end of another very busy but rewarding term I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents, family members, and friends, who help us in so many ways. I very much appreciate the willing co-operation and support of all of our parents.

I would like to wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

G T Cherry
Principal

"For unto us a child is born."