

# Our Lady's & St Mochua's Primary School

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Dear Parent/s

7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Christmas Draw in aid of School Funds:** If you would like to sponsor a prize for our Christmas Draw please let me know ASAP what you would like to donate. We are also looking for small cash amounts that can be put together for a more substantive cash prize. I look forward to hearing from you before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**Parent Teacher Meetings:** Parent Teacher Meetings will take place week on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November for all classes. To facilitate these meetings the school will close each day at **12.50pm**. **The yellow bus will run at this time**. Times and dates have been sent home in school bags today.

Please note two afternoons have been set aside from teaching time to organise Parent Teacher Meetings. You are asked therefore not to reschedule your meeting as it is often difficult to rearrange a new time. Please note all meetings will be of maximum length of 15 minutes. If additional time is needed a further meeting must be rescheduled.

**Attendance:** Please note that it is important that all children attend school each day unless they are sick. Children must also remain in school for the full day. Parents are asked to ensure that taking children early from school is only in emergency e.g. Medical Appointment. This will be reflected in overall attendance.

**Accelerated Reading:** Accelerated Reading for P4 and P6 will begin on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and run for six weeks. Please encourage your child to meet their target.

## **P7 and Pupil Leadership Team Trip to Parliament Buildings Stormont**

The P7 Class and Pupil Leadership Team will visit Stormont on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. They will leave school at 8.45am SHARP and return for 3pm. Children should bring a morning snack and money to purchase a MacDonald's Meal. Full uniform should be worn. No mobile phones allowed.

**P2 Trip - Build a Bear Belfast:** The Primary 2 Class will visit 'Build a Bear' in Belfast on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. They will leave the school at 9.15am sharp and return for 2.00pm. Children should wear their uniform and bring a small morning snack and a packed lunch. The cost of the trip is £20.00. The cost of the bus will be met from school funds. Please return payment marked with your child's name/Build a Bear by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**Anti Bullying Week:** Will take place week beginning 11th November 2019. Our pupil council will be organising some events during the course of the week. On Friday 15th November all children are asked to wear red to highlight that bullying is not acceptable - we will have a bucket collection of £1.00 per family - for the Pupil Leadership Team Nominated Charity TBD.

**General Election:** The school will be closed on Thursday 12th December 2019 as we are used as a polling station.

**Christmas Activities:**

**St Vincent de Paul Hampers:**

Each class will make a Christmas Hamper for St Vincent de Paul. Your child's class teacher will write in their homework book what is required so that the hampers can provide a least one meal for the receiving family. We will then present our hampers to St Vincent de Paul, who will distribute them to people in the local community.

**P1 Christmas Assembly:** Will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 @ 10.00am. Parents of all Primary 1 are welcome to attend.

**Christmas Dinner:** The School Christmas Dinner will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019. All children will go home at 12.45pm to facilitate the staff dinner. Children may wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day.

**Do This In Memory Mass** - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Church Keady. Our school will host this Mass. All future dates are on our school website under Important Dates Section.

**Christmas Carol Service:** This year the children in P2-7 will take part in our Christmas Carol Service. This will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 @ 7pm Sharp in St Mochua's Church. Further information will be made available in due course.

**Wear a Christmas Jumper:** Children may wear a Christmas Jumper from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- make your own or buy! Each family are asked to donate £4.00 toward the Keady District Lourdes Committee - We aim to cover the cost of sending one sick person to Lourdes in 2020.

**Christmas Holidays:** School will close @ 1.00 pm for all children on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

I thank you for your continued support during this busy term.



G Farrell (Principal)