

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

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Principal: Mr G Farrell, BEd, MEd, PQH.

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28 November 2018

Dear Parent/s

Please note the following:

**NSPCC:** Many thanks for your kind donations on Red Day for the NSPCC. A total of £80.00 was collected. A total of £160.00 will be presented to the NSPCC in the New Year.

## **Christmas Activities:**

### **1. St Vincent de Paul Hampers:**

Each family is asked to send in one food/drink item suitable for a Christmas Hamper by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**. We will then make hampers for St Vincent de Paul, who will distribute them to people in the local community.

### **2. Christmas Pantomime:** All children will attend the Waterfront Belfast on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December to see Beauty and the Beast. We will leave school at 10.45am and return at about approximately 5.00pm. Parents will be notified by text at what time to collect children from school. Children must wear their full uniform and bring a small lunch/drink with them.

The children will receive a cooked breakfast (instead of dinner) before we leave school (or they can bring a morning lunch with them.) A text will be sent out tomorrow for you to confirm if you want your child to have the cook breakfast - this will allow the cook to order as required.

Please note that payment of £14.00 per child must be paid by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Any child/ren not attending the Pantomime must be collected from school at 10.45am.

### **3. Christmas Dinner:** The School Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018. All children will go home at 12.45pm to facilitate the staff dinner. You will receive a text tomorrow asking you to confirm if you would like your child to have Christmas Dinner to facilitate preparations. Children may wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day.

### **4. Christmas Party:** Please see attached re Christmas Party

### **5. School Choir and Traditional Group:** The school choir and traditional group will visit Lisnally Resource Centre on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to perform for the patients.

6. **P1/2 Christmas Play:** The Primary 1/2 Play 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 10.00am Sharp.

Parents are asked to get costumes for their children - your child's class teacher will give guidance on what should be worn. The narrators should dress up as Shepherds (Boys) and Angels (Girls)

We will have a Christmas Draw at our P1/2 Play. If any P1/2 parent/s would like to sponsor a prize please contact the school ASAP. Thank you

7. **Wear a Christmas Jumper Day:** Children may wear a Christmas Jumper from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December- make your own or buy! Each child will be asked to pay £1.00 to donate to our Pupil Council Charity Bank - charity to be decided at a later date.
8. **St Mochua's Choir Carol Service** featuring members of our school choir will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 7.00pm in St Mochua's Church. All welcome.

**School Aid Romania:** Past pupils from our school attending St Patrick's HS Keady who will travel to Romania in the New Year are having a Cake Sale in the Community Centre on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 after Mass. All support welcome.

**After School Clubs:** A separate letter has gone home in school bags today in relation to ASC for Term 2. No payment is required until after Christmas but parents will need to book for their child/ren.

**Google Forms:** We have introduced google forms as a means of collecting data from parents. When this is needed you will be sent a link via text to complete the form. I ask all parents to complete the form ASAP as this allows us to collect and collate the necessary data efficiently.

**Christmas Holidays:** School will close @ 2.00 pm for all children on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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

*G Farrell*

G Farrell (Principal)

**Dates for the Diary:**

**Do this in Memory Masses:** 16<sup>th</sup> December, 27<sup>th</sup> January (Derrynoose Host), 17 March, 14 April, 5 May and 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**First Holy Communion:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 @ 11.00am

**Confirmation:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 @ 3.00pm

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*Christmas Party*

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Dear Parent/s

As you are aware school will close on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 12.45pm to facilitate the staff Christmas Dinner. *The Education Bus (Martin Gorman) will take children home at this time*

However, Mrs Elaine McGuigan, Derrynoose Community Centre, is organising a Christmas Party/Disco (Including Santa Visit with every child receiving a gift) from 1.00pm - 2.30pm. If you would like your child to attend the Christmas Party in the Community Centre please complete the form below and return in an envelope marked with your child's name and payment of £3.00.

Please note that the school staff will walk those children who are going to the party to the community centre at 12.45pm. Once they are there, your child will be under the supervision of Mrs Elaine McGuigan and her team. Please contact Elaine on 07564468958 with any queries that you may have.

Thank you  
Mr Farrell

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**Permission for Christmas Party 2018 - Return by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Christmas Party. I have enclosed £3.50 per child to meet the costs. (PLEASE GIVE EXACT MONIES AS ALL MONIES WILL BE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO ELAINE)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

If you have no printer write the above details on a sheet of paper and return.