

News Sheet



December 2019

Christmas 2019

What a busy few weeks. Like homes, schools are very busy places. In the past few weeks we have had the following events: the very successful Christmas Fair, Christmas Dinner (Thanks Pauline!!), the Primary 7 visits to St Patrick's College, St Colman's College and NewBridge College while the Primary 4 class had a Shared Education event in Banbridge with Ballydown PS. This week we had the Christmas Play and Carol Service on Tuesday and Wednesday, while on Thursday we had the PTA Christmas Party and a visit from the man himself, Santa. Thanks to all who supported these activities.

Christmas Play

Thanks to the pupils and staff for all their work in preparing for the KS1 Carol Service and the KS2 Christmas play Bethlehem. Once again the performances were of a very high standard; have we a few stars in the making? Thanks to Pauline and the PTA for providing refreshments at the play and all who helped tidy up on Wednesday evening.

Hamper Appeal



We would like to thank all who supported the Banbridge branch of St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Food Appeal. Your generosity at this time is greatly appreciated.

Admissions

The closing date for applications to Primary 1 for the 2020/21 school year is the **30th January 2020**. Application is now via the online portal at www.admissions.eani.org.uk/admissions

Parents of children due to start school in September 2020 should contact the school to arrange a visit.

Christmas & PTA Events

We are indebted to the businesses and parents that donated prizes for the draws at the Christmas Fair and Christmas Plays and all who supported these events. Thanks especially, to the PTA members for all their work since Halloween. Caroline Burns and members of the PTA worked with each class in the two weeks leading up to the Craft Fair while the PTA members were the first to arrive and last to leave on Sunday 24th November. Members also assisted at each of the performances of the play and carol service and organised the Christmas party for the children. Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Draw by donating prizes or purchasing raffle tickets, your continued support is greatly appreciated. A full list of the Christmas Draw prize winners is available in the school.

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 6 th January	School reopens
<i>Mass in the school at 10.00am.</i>	
Thurs 30th January	Closing date for P1 applications
Mon 17 th –Fri 21 st Feb	School Mid Term
<i>*Date for Reconciliation to be confirmed*</i>	
16 th & 17 th March	St Patrick's Day
Thurs 9 th April	Easter Holidays
<i>School closes at 11.30am</i>	
Mon 20 th April	School Reopens
Wednesday 29 th April	Confirmation
<i>St Patrick's Loughbrickland at 6.00pm</i>	
<u>Fri 8th May</u>	Bank Holiday
Mon 25–Tue 26 May	Mid-term
Saturday 6 th June	First Communion

School closes for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 20th December at 11.30am**, the Ballyvarley and Glasker buses will run at 11.30am, however the Greenan bus will not be operating at 11.30am.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*Nollaig Shona agus
bliain úr faoi mhaise daoibh*

