

**Money Details****SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £2.60 A DAY.**

SNACK DEC	£3.90
JAN	£5.70

Dinner and Snack Money should be paid online for the month ahead. We are using SchoolMoney Online payment system from 25 November 2021. Please ensure that you notify the office if your child no longer wants to take school snack.

123 CLUB P1 - P3

(Jan-Feb 2022 price increase to £2.50 per session)

If you would like your child to attend this club in January 2022 then you should simply book and pay online using the new payment system 'School Money'. This Club can be paid using childcare vouchers. We are registered with Employers for Childcare, Sodexo, Care 4 and Busy Bees childcare vouchers. You must phone the school office before you commence making payments with vouchers to ensure that you are set up correctly. If you are using vouchers to pay, then book your child's space in 123 club on the days you wish and pay for the club in the usual way. Please note that if your child enrolls for a particular day it is every day in the session e.g. every Monday. Refunds are not made if there is non-attendance at this club.

Parents must notify the teacher in writing if their child's transport home details change i.e. bus or car.

EARLY BIRD CLUB 8.15-8.45am

Where? In the school hall or outside in the playground weather permitting
Cost? £1.50 a day

Pay online with credit/debit card via SchoolMoney.

Countdown to Christmas 2021

We are all looking forward to a more normal Christmas this year, but with COVID still present in the community we will not be holding our Christmas Concerts in their normal format. We will still provide the experience of participating in singing and drama for our children as they celebrate Christmas. Classes will produce a video to share with parents and family friends at home. We hope that you will enjoy this video which will be shared on our school website and **accessed with a password which will be text to each family during week commencing 13 December.** We have planned some fun activities for the children to enjoy in the lead up to Christmas. This is especially important for the children after the disruptive years we have all had in recent times. We will still be taking precautions in school to reduce the potential spread of the virus.

Dates for the diary...

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| 23-25 Nov | Parent Interviews -Please be punctual, there is a strict timetable to fit everyone in. |
| 29 Nov | School closing P1-3 12.30pm, P4-7 1pm. P1 Open Afternoon. |
| 3 Dec | Santa Daily Mile today weather permitting - £5 for Macmillan Cancer Care (paid on SchoolMoney). Children should wear their sports clothes and trainers to school with Santa hats or Christmas hairbands. |
| 9 Dec | Christmas Dinner. Pupils can wear school uniform with a Christmas Jumper, top or hairband. |
| 13 Dec | Christmas Video will be produced and added to the school website. We will text parents with the password to access this videos. |
| 14 Dec | Trip to the Grand Opera House Belfast- School open at 11.15 am and starting at 11.30am (Bus leaving at 12noon) and children to be collected again at 4.45pm from the school hall. |
| 15 Dec | Visit from Dogs Trust ' How to handle Dogs Responsibly '. |
| 16 Dec | Children wear trainers with uniform for a sports session |
| 17 Dec | Free Christmas Party Day & No Uniform Day |
| 20 Dec | HALF DAY - Early Closing P1-3 12.15pm P4-7 12.30pm |

P1 Open Afternoon for Prospective Pupils Monday 29 November 2021 2.30-5.30pm

If you know of any new families who are interested in finding out more about our school or the P1 application process, please share these details with them. Appointments can be made via the school secretary Tel: 02879418415.

TRANSPORT HOME

2 pm Ulsterbus

The Ulsterbus at 2pm is currently not running as there is no demand. If a parent does want their child to use this bus service at 2pm, they should telephone Ulsterbus depot in Magherafelt to request the bus for the next school day. **Tel: 02879632218**



Supporting

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Thank you to all families who supported our Anti-bullying campaign this year and encouraged their children to show kindness to others. There was a very good response to our 'One Kind Word' Poster Competition and a high standard of entries from each class. Every child who entered received a small prize and the winning entries received extra prizes. Visit our school website for more information and pictures. Congratulations to our P5 and P6 pupils who produced excellent assembly presentations to promote kindness. These will be available to view on our school website soon.

P1 Admissions Criteria for 2022/23

The Board of Governors have agreed the Admissions Criteria for P1 for September 2022. This Criteria is now available on the school website. We anticipate a lower intake this year so please invite any local families with a child due to start school in September 2022 to attend our '**P1 Open Afternoon**' on **Monday 29 November 2.30-5pm**. Appointments can be made by phoning the school office. Visiting families will have the opportunity to tour the school, see our facilities and meet staff. Applications will be online as in previous years. More details will be posted on the school website later in November.

SWIMMING TERM 2

Swimming will commence on **Friday 7 January 2022** for P6 and P7 for two six week blocks 7 Jan – 11 Feb and 25 Feb-1 April. The two classes will receive lessons separately at staggered times. There will be a £30 cost for the 12 swimming lessons to help cover transport costs. Swimming should be paid through the new online payment system. You will receive an email about this payment.



Christmas Cards and Gifts in School

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDER 'CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN SCHOOL'

'Children are not allowed to bring Christmas presents into school to give out to other pupils'

If you want your child to exchange presents with other children, then please do so outside of school hours as upset may be caused to other children and items may be lost or broken in school.

Christmas cards can be exchanged in school from Monday 6 December. Thank you all for your understanding.



ECO NEWS

Thank you NI Water for the new water butt to help us to collect rainwater to use outside. We also want to thank all of our families who have recycled clothes and textiles in our clothing bank. The ECO Committee are learning about Climate change and how we can all make a difference in our lives. They will be updating everyone in our school community soon via our school website!

We want to wish all of our families and friends a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

School will re-open after the Christmas holidays on **Wednesday 5 January 2022** at normal time, Early bird will be open.