

# December

# Happy Christmas everyone!

## Larne Foodbank Donations

Thank you to all our families for your generosity. Catherine, from Larne Foodbank was overwhelmed when she saw all the donations. Your kindness and care for others in our community is outstanding. Photographs can be seen on the school website and Facebook page.

## Christmas Shows

As I communicated in a recent letter to parents, Christmas shows will be available to view on the school Youtube channel from **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

## Christmas Dinner and Special Visitor

Christmas Dinner is on **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.** Christmas jumpers are the order of the day. **School will finish at 1pm**, for all children, on this day and reopen, as usual the next day.

Christmas jumpers will also be needed on Friday as we welcome **Santa** on Friday morning followed by ice-cream. Thank you to PTA for your support and funding.

## Attendance Matters

We are fortunate that poor attendance is not a significant issue, for the majority, in our school. The Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) collects attendance data on a monthly basis. Attendance below 85%, except in exceptional circumstances, prompts a referral to EWO services. Written confirmation of reason for absence must be brought to school on the day your child returns.

Punctuality is also important. All children are expected to be in school by 9am.

**Late arrivals enter via the main school entrance.**

Late arrivals, 9am – 9.10am are recorded as (L) late for the morning session. Arrivals after 9.10am are recorded as (U) absent for the morning session. This affects the overall attendance percentage.

## November Art Competition Winners

- P1 Joseph
- P2 Matthew
- P3 Iraj
- P4 Isaac
- P5 Áine
- P6 Lyla
- P7 Tia



December focus – **Responsibility**

## Pupil of the Month

November focus – **Caring**

Primary One – Freddie

Primary Two – Martin

Primary Three – James & Dillon

Primary Four – Orla

Primary Five – Molly

Primary Six – Harry R

Primary Seven – Mylee

Congratulations!



## Gardening Award

We are delighted and very proud to have achieved the **RHS Level 2 Gardening Award**

The Eco Councillors had to write a 100 word description of their gardening activities and submit this, with photographs, of their progress, to date. We will be applying for Level 3 later this year, once we have fulfilled the requirements.

Congratulations to the Eco Council, Miss McKenna and Mr McRandle.

## After School Clubs

After school clubs from the week beginning 10/01/2022

A range of clubs will be available during Term Two. As there are limits on the number of participants in each club, a note will be sent home, before the Christmas break, so that preferences can be chosen.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available each morning between 8.20am and 8.50am at a cost of £1.00. I am delighted at the increased turnout and the children are enjoying their breakfast and activities.

Please ensure children are at club before 8.40am, to give them time to eat their breakfast.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Christmas Holidays

School finishes on Wednesday, 22/12/21 @11am and reopens on Wednesday, 05/01/22 @9am.

**Primary 3 will remain in school until 3pm from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

### Sacraments

Service of Light (P7):

Thursday, 27/01/22

Confirmation (P7):

Thursday, 10/02/22

First Penance (P3):

Tuesday 08/03/22

First Holy Communion (P4):

Saturday, 14/05/22

## Be Ready; Be Respectful; Be Safe:

Our three school rules are at the heart of our positive behaviour strategies. Children are recognised for their efforts to promote readiness, respect and safe behaviour. There is a Recognition Board in each classroom which is updated daily. Our Achievement Tree is blossoming with leaves of positive attitudes and actions. Our Pupil of the Month Awards focus on aspects of these rules.

### **Be Ready:**

Be ready to learn, be in school on time, have all equipment needed, stay focused, complete activities. These are some of the ways we can all Be Ready.

### **Be Respectful:**

Show kindness and fairness, use good manners, be thoughtful and caring, allow room for others' opinions, focus on learning so others can too. These are some of the ways we can all Be Respectful.

### **Be Safe:**

Walk indoors, use equipment appropriately, put resources back tidily, make wise decisions, use evidence.

We encourage and use language about being safe. We encourage children to make informed decisions about their actions. We remind children that it is ok to take risks, in a safe environment. We encourage children to

take risks for learning.



