

Thank you to everyone who left gifts and contributed to the food parcels for the St Vincent de Paul Collection in the days before Christmas.

School Meals: Could all outstanding school meal bills be paid asap. Thank you very much.

Galaxy coaching had taster sessions for soccer /girls fitness recently. Sessions start on Monday for soccer @3pm-4pm for Years 4-7 and on Wednesdays –GIRLS only fitness @3pm to 4pm Places are limited to 20 for each group. Full details in flyers that were sent out last week. Start week beginning 22nd Feb

Coats: Make sure children wear a coat to school in this cold weather. Also remind them to put their coat on for break times and lunchtimes.

WEBTEXT: With colder weather expected please make sure that we have an up to date mobile number for you.

Admission to secondary schools ; Parents of Year 7 children will shortly be selecting their secondary schools for their children. All secondary schools have open days/nights and you should take the opportunity to visit. Several of the schools send representatives to our school and talk to our children about their schools. Our school will also offer those an opportunity to meet to discuss the application process. This will take place in mid February.

**Sacramental Dates: All services in St Patrick's Church
Year 4 – St Patrick's Church**

**7th Mar@ 630pm First Confession/Céad Fhaoistín-
26th May @11am- First Communion (Primary 4)
19th May @10am- Án Chéad Chomaoineach (Rang 4)**

**Year 7
24th Feb Confirmation/ Coineartú @11am
21st Feb Service of Light/ An Seirbhís an tsolais@7pm**

Reminder that children who were not baptized in the Parish of Upper Creggan need to forward child's Baptismal Certificate to school asap.

After School Clubs: ICT After school clubs have all started again. If your child is not attending on a certain day, please let the school know by note or phone call. It is also important to remind your children that After School Clubs are an extension of the school day and that the same levels of behaviour are expected. Thank you for your help.

Sports

Football will recommence at start of March
Cross Country Race in Banbridge –cancelled TBC
Camogie for Year 6/7 girl son Monday's 1,30-2.30

Swimming starts on Thursday 11th Jan for P6 children Cost is £3.50 for double swimming session and transport. Lessons are fortnightly.

Dear Parents

A belated Happy New Year to everyone

Many thanks to everyone for their support and attendance at the various performances and events that took place in the run up to Christmas. Both children and staff worked very hard in the preparation of these and it was wonderful to see such great attendances.

Regarding school, it is important for the children to return to the routines of learning and school life. Please encourage your child to eat well, drink lots of water and have plenty of sleep. It would also be appreciated if you could remind your children of the importance of listening well and to focus on good behaviours in class. Thank you.

All dates have now been announced for the Sacramental classes and these can be found elsewhere on the newsletter. We wish children, staff and families well in their preparations for the Sacraments. It is a tradition that the FOSA along with support of parents provide tea and refreshment after the service. Normally we ask parents of P6 and R6 to help (although all volunteers are welcome). It takes about two hours to serve the refreshments and tidy up in the school hall. Please leave your name in the school office if you are willing to help on Sat 24th Feb (from 1145-1345). Many thanks in advance.

Well done to all our Accelerated Readers who reached their targets- they have been rewarded with Hot Chocolate and ice cream in EGG. Keep up the great effort.

Our local Comhaltas group an Bonnan Buí will reopen on Tuesday 23rd Jan) for registration. All new pupils are welcome. It is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to learn to play a musical instrument. The price of £60 for 12 lessons is very reasonable.

Many thanks to those parents who attended the Information Meetings last week for entry to P1/R1 in September 2018

As both streams within the school continues to grow we are very aware of the deficiencies in the school estate including classrooms, halls, toilets, additional rooms etc. Applications have been made to the Dept. of Education for improving /upgrading/redeveloping the school infrastructure.

For information purposes our Safeguarding Team is as follows:

Designated Officer – Mrs Alice Murphy

Deputy Designated Officer – Mrs Eleanor Cassidy

Principal – Mr Michael Madine

Governor – Mrs Dora O’Neill

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IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

Mon 8th Return to school for children

Mon 8th Information Night for new Admissions 2018/2019

Wed 17th Road Safety Quiz - Y7 Team – change to Thu 23rd

Visit to school by Welsh Teachers – ICT

Fri 19th Cross Country Banbridge – Y5-Y7 -Cancelled

Mon 22nd Healthy Kidz Soccer Y4-Y7starts -5 weeks

Wed 24th Healthy Kidz Fitness for Girls Y4-Y7starts -5 weeks

Thu 25th Swimming P6

Fri 26th Credit Union Quiz for P7/R7 St JosephsHS

Mon 28th Catholic Schools Week – week of family

Fri 2nd Grandparents Day – all grandparents to visit school for tea/buns served by your grandchildren @10am

Mid Term Break – Fri 16th – Tue 20th inclusive

NOTE Change in dates due to availability of Staff Training for Numeracy on Tuesday 20th –Staff Development Day

Therefore children now at school on Thursday 15th and not at school Tuesday 20th

Aladdin Pantomime starts this week in Rangers - £5 Admission –tickets available around Crossmaglen – see poster in front of school

Message from Rangers

Ireland Lights Up – Operation Transformation

Starts on walking track in top field for 6 weeks from Monday 22nd Jan from 7-830pm