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MONTHLY NOTE DECEMBER 2017



School Holidays this Month:

School closes at **11.00am** on Friday 22nd December until Monday 8th January (non uniform day).

Activities this Month:

School Mass on Fri 8th Dec at 1pm in School Hall – All invited

Date	Activity
Monday 4 th & 11 th December	P6 Mr Fegan Swimming 11.10-11.50am
Monday 4 th December (last class)	P2-P3 Multi Sports 2-3pm P4-P5 Multi Sports 3-4pm
Tuesday 5 th December (last class)	P2-P3 Tennis 2-3pm P4-P7 Tennis 3-4pm
Tuesday 5 th & 11 th December	P6 Ms McDonald Art 3-4pm
Tuesday 5 th December (last class)	P5-P7 Traditional Music 3-4pm
Wednesday 6 th December (last class)	P4 & P5 Gaelic in Abbey GS 3.00-4.15pm Children MUST be picked up from the Abbey GS carpark (beside Sports Hall) at 4.15pm promptly
Thursday 7 th December (last class)	P6 Mr Fegan's Baking 3.00-4.15pm

News & Events this Month:

Sacrament Dates

First Holy Communion

Saturday 12th May 2018 at 10.30am in St Mary's Church (Parking in St. Mary's High School)

Confirmation

Friday 9th March 2018 at 6pm in St Brigid's Church

Sacramental Talk

Tues 5th Dec – Newry Parish Centre – 7.30pm

Live Webcams are available in both Churches for those who cannot attend

Christmas Movie Nights

Our annual Christmas Movie Nights will take place on the dates below:

Tuesday 5th December at 6.00pm-7.30pm for P1 & P2

Thursday 7th December at 6.30pm-8.00pm for P3 & P4

Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm-8.00pm for P5-P7

If any P1 parent wishes to stay they are welcome. We would be glad of the extra adult assistance. Children can be collected from the Assembly Hall doors. Bring a pillow/cushion and a blanket. **COST £3.00**

P1 Application forms and closing dates

P1 application forms are now available for pupils starting P1 in September 2018. These can be collected from the school or downloaded from the EA Primary School Admissions Website. All P1 enrolment forms must be returned to the school by **Wednesday 10th January 2018** at 12pm applications received after this time will be treated as late applications. All on time forms will get preference over late applications.

Panto

P1 – P7 will be going to the Panto in Newry Town Hall on **Thursday 18th January – cost £10**

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal (November)

A big thank you to all who supported our appeal – we collected over 240 shoe boxes! If you have any that you wish to send into School, please do so and we will organise to send these to Newry Rotary.

St Vincent de Paul

During December we will be collecting donations of tinned and dried food (no fresh food please) for our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper appeal. Thank you for your continued generosity.

School Website

The school website is temporarily out of action due to ongoing maintenance – download the school app – all information is available via this.

Updated Contact Details

If you have or intend to change contact details (including mobile phone telephone numbers) could you please let the school know.

Santa Letters

Children have been writing letters to Santa – the Royal Mail will be coming to collect these on **Tuesday 5th December**

Parent/Teacher interviews

This year our Parent Teacher meetings will commence the week of **5th February**. More information after Christmas.

Circuit Training

A big thank you to Mrs Havering and Mrs Counsel for organising our Circuit training. This will resume in the New Year – please come along and join in – a brilliant New Year's Resolution to get healthy for 2018.

Christmas Play

The P1/2 Christmas Play will take place on **Thursday 14th December**. There will be two performances - 10am and 6.30pm.

Tickets cost £4.

Planetarium

P2 classes will visit the planetarium on **Tuesday 12th December**. Please pay this using our new online payment system - School Money. Passwords have been texted to all parents. Any issues please contact the school.

Choir at Sainsburys

The School Choir will perform at Sainsbury in Newry on **Wednesday 20th December at 10am**. Please come and support them.

School Crossing Patrol

To improve safety on our school grounds our school crossing patrol lady Mrs Blair is positioned at St Ronan's PS/ Sacred Heart Grammar School Main Entrance from 8.30am - 9.15am and 1.50pm - 3.35pm. **Please remember to be respectful and considerate.**

P3 Hometime – Please note change of time

From **Monday 8th January** until the end of June, **P3 will finish at the later time of 3pm. Pick up in P1 yard.**

Outstanding Money

It is essential that all outstanding money including dinner, after school and musical tuition must be paid by **Tuesday 19th December** so that the school accounts can be audited and signed off by the board of governors. All money, especially dinner money, should be paid on Mon/Tues only.

Year 8 Open Night

Our Lady's GS open night for P7 girls will take place on **Tuesday 5th December at 7.15pm**.

Other Year 8 Open Days/Nights

Christian Brothers Abbey GS	Saturday 13 th January 10 – 12.30pm
St Colman's College	Saturday 20 th January 10.00am-1.00pm
St Mary's HS Newry	Monday 15 th January 7pm
Newry High School	Thursday 11 th January 7pm
St. Joseph's HS	Saturday 13 th January 12pm – 3pm



Christmas Jumper Day

We will hold a 'Christmas Jumper Day' on **Wednesday 6th December, 50p donation to Children helping Children. Wear your christmas jumper and uniform to school.** Free Raffle entry for all children going to dinner from 1st – 6th Dec.

Christmas Party Day Lunch

There will be a special Christmas party day lunch on **Thursday 21st December** and there may also be a special visitor calling at the school, that week also. Free Raffle prize draw for every child that goes to dinner between 7th and 21st Dec.

Christmas School Closing Dates

School will close on **Friday 22 December at 11.30am** please make sure to collect your child punctually from school. This is a **non-uniform day**. Your child is allowed to wear their ordinary clothes. School will reopen on **Monday, 8th January 2018**.

Breakfast Club Raffle

From 1st to 21st Dec, your child will be entered into our free Raffle. Breakfast Club opens at 8.10am. Only £1/day/child.

Milk January – Easter

Milk will cost **£11** for the term. Money will be collected via School Money. A text will be sent out to you with passwords and due dates. If you have changed your mobile number please make sure that we have an up to date contact number for yourself.

School Budget/ Free School Meals

Are you entitled to free school meals, your child may not take dinner but may still be entitled to free school meals and a uniform grant, if you meet any of the following criteria:

- on income support; on Income based Jobseekers allowance;
- on Income Related Employment Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Working/Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less;
- classified as an Asylum Seeker and supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team.
- Universal Credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year

Please apply for this as it does positively impact on school budget.

School/ Home Communications

As a school we want to keep you informed of all that is ongoing within the school. We do this by

1 – The Monthly Note

2 – The School Website

3 – The St. Ronan's Primary School App

4 – Our Twitter account – where we can showcase work to you and link in with other schools around the World

5 – Class Dojo – this is a new app we are trailing in linked to our Positive Behaviour Policy and in response to you, the parent, asking for more information as to what is happening in class. This will eventually be rolled out across the school.

School Money

From January 2018, school will be going cashless (as far as possible). A text will be sent out with your username and password. Please keep this safe.