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Upcoming Dates and Events

Letter Dated – 29th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please take a few minutes to carefully read this letter, which will outline the upcoming dates and events happening in school during what is traditionally a very busy few weeks! 📅 🎄

Open Night

Our annual 'Open Night' for prospective new P1 pupils and parents will be held in school tomorrow evening, Thursday 30th November (7pm – 8.30pm). The Choir will be performing, and we look forward to welcoming all our prospective P1 pupils and their families to Coagh Primary School. 🏠

An Evening with Santa

'Evening with Santa,' organised by the Parents Association, will run on Friday 1st December from 4.15 pm – 8.45 pm. Please check your booking time and aim to arrive approximately 10 minutes before your time. There are still a few spaces left should you wish to book a 'Santa Slot.' 🎅 🎄

We would encourage you to extend a warm welcome to friends, family, and neighbours to come and visit 'An Evening with Santa' as there will be a wide variety of 'Stalls' selling drinks, food, and unique gifts. Entry is free for those looking around the 'Stalls.' 🛍️ 🎁

Library Van

The library van will be in school on Monday 4th December, so if your child wishes to change their library book, please return their completed one. 📖

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box will be in the school corridor from Monday 4th December. Children wishing to bring cards for their friends should post cards in the post box. Please write the child's name and class clearly on the front of the envelope, as these cards are sorted and delivered by children in the School Council and P5 pupils, so they need clear writing to help them! In previous years, parents have asked for a class list so their children can write cards to the pupils in their class. We will send a class list containing the first names of pupils via Seesaw in the coming days, as we know this is beneficial to parents. 🎅 📧

Raffle Tickets

Could all raffle ticket 'stubs' please be returned to school next week beginning Monday 4th December. The raffle will take place on Wednesday 6th December, and members of the School Council will 'draw' 'stubs' from the tombola. This will be videoed and uploaded onto the website and Facebook page. If you haven't yet purchased raffle tickets, we would encourage you to do so, as there are some amazing prizes generously donated by individuals and businesses over the past few weeks. A list of all the businesses and individuals is available to view on our Facebook page. 📄 🎁

Written Homework

It is our school policy to stop 'written homework' during December. This allows pupils the opportunity to practice their scripts and song words for the Christmas Concert. Spellings, Tables, and Reading will continue during the first week of December. 📄 ✎

Dress Rehearsal

A full 'Dress Rehearsal' of our Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday 13th December, and we have invited the pupils from Little Acorns Playground to attend this performance. 🎭 🎄

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, 14th December, in Coagh Presbyterian Church Hall, performances beginning at 10 am and 7 pm. All children will go home at 12 noon following the morning performance (There will be 'Fun Club' and 'Homework Club'). Pupils should return to school at 6.30 pm for the evening performance. Children should wear school uniform for both performances and they will change into costumes in school prior to their performances. 🎄 🎭

Parents not attending the evening performance should collect their children from their classroom at approx. 8.30 pm. Following their late night, children can come into school on Friday, 15th December, any time up to 10.30 am. School will open as 'usual' from 8:30 am.

Like last year, we have decided not to allocate 'tickets' for the performances because, based on the survey results from last year, there would be enough seats for those wishing to attend. We would encourage those family members who are able to attend the 10 am performance to please do so as this would 'free up' seats for the 7 pm performance for those unable to attend the morning performance due to work commitments, etc. Based on previous experience, the 7 pm performance is much busier so we would encourage you, if possible, to restrict the members of your family attending to 2 or 3. We have seating for approx. 180 people on Thursday evening and if two people attend from each of our families that accounts for 166 seats with a few extras. 🗨️ 👨‍👩‍👧

Charity Donation

The School Council decided that the money raised from this year's Charity Donation would go to two organisations - 'Helping Hand,' which is the Charity to the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, and to further the work of Coagh Presbyterian Church. At the end of the Christmas Concerts, there will be a charity collection bucket for anyone wishing to donate. 🙌 🎁

Christmas Dinner

EA Catering will be serving Christmas Dinner in school on Friday 15th December. All orders for Christmas Dinner should be given to each teacher on Monday 11th December. 🍽️ 🎄

Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils can come to school on Friday 15th December wearing 'normal' clothes and Christmas Jumpers, etc., as Christmas Dinner will be served in School. No donation is required. 🎄 🧣

Cinema Trip

P1, P2, P3, and P4 pupils will visit Cookstown Cinema on Tuesday 19th December, leaving school at 9.15 am and returning for 12 noon. Normal dinner/lunch arrangements will apply on this date. 🎬 🏠

School Choir

We hope that the School choir will be able to make the short journey to Little Acorns to perform some Christmas Songs and give the pupils at Little Acorns a gift during their last week before Christmas. 🎤 🎭

Christmas Parties

Class Christmas Parties will take place on Wednesday 20th December during 'normal' school hours. Pupils can wear 'normal/party clothes' for their Christmas Party. 🎉👗

Thursday 21st December

As pupils will be finishing at 12 noon on Thursday 21st December, they may wear 'non-uniform' to school. Pupils in P4-P7 may bring an electronic device (age-appropriate games/apps) (no phones allowed), and pupils in P1-P3 may bring a game/toy to play with on their final day before Christmas. 🎮📖

Pantomime Visit

P5, P6, and P7 pupils will visit The Grand Opera House on Friday, 12th January. 🎭👤

Christmas Holidays

School will close at 12 noon on Thursday 21st December for the Christmas Holidays and will reopen on Thursday 4th January 2024. 🎅🏠

Best wishes for a joyful and festive Christmas Season!

Yours sincerely,



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