



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CUSHENDALL PARENT INFORMATION – DECEMBER 2017

Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch is this Thursday 7th December and is a non-uniform day. School will close at 1.00p.m. Lunch costs £2.60 and tickets can be bought in the usual way.

'Walk To School' Days

Our usual timetable for 'Walk to School' Days is the second and fourth Friday of every month. So this means we will only have one day this month on Friday 22nd – we hope everyone will be able to join in!

'Open Day' – Everyone Welcome

St Mary's Primary School **Tuesday 5th December** **10.30a.m. - 12.00 noon**

All parents and children due to start Primary School in September 2018 are invited to come along and see what St Mary's can offer your child. We look forward to seeing you then.

Enrolment to St Mary's Primary School & Nursery Unit – September 2018

Application forms are now available from the school office for anyone wanting to apply for a place in our Primary School or Nursery Unit for September 2018. This year the closing date for all applications is 12 noon on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Christmas Show Once again there has been a big demand for tickets and the evening show is sold out. There are still some tickets available for the afternoon show and these can be bought at the secretary's office.

Wednesday 13th December at 1.30p.m. - Doors open at 1.10p.m.

Children will be supervised in their classroom when their play is over. Parents who want to collect their children can collect them from classrooms at approx. 3.00pm.

N.B. Can parents of those children who usually go home on the bus please make arrangements to have their children collected as we cannot guarantee the Show will be over in time for the bus at 2.50p.m?

Thursday 14th December at 6.30p.m. – Doors open at 6.00p.m. (Class will end at 2.00p.m. for all classes on Thursday.)

All pupils are asked to come wearing their costumes and be in school at 6.00p.m. During the show children will be supervised in classrooms and everyone can be collected from their rooms at 8.00pm.

*Unfortunately, pupils cannot join their parents in the hall during either show as space is very limited.

Photographs/Child Protection – Parents should be aware that the school has no control over photographs which may be taken by members of the audience during the Christmas Show. However, in the interests of child protection no parent should post photographs which include children other than their own on any form of social media.

P.T.A. Christmas Draw

Our PTA are organising their annual 'Buy A Line' Christmas raffle and sheets were sent home with the children last week. All returns should be given to your child's teacher on/before Monday 11th December as the draw will take place after our Christmas Show on Thursday 14th December. Anyone who would like an extra page can collect it from the office at any time.

School Uniform & Christmas Disco

The last uniform day this term is Tuesday 19th December. Wednesday 20th is our Christmas disco and is a non-uniform day. Primary 1 & Primary 2 children will be in school until 3.00pm and can be collected from the Infant Entrance as usual. Admission is £1/child and this includes face paints, juice and biscuits.

'Snowman Drive'

Our School Council are organising a 'Snowman Drive' for everyone P1- P7 in school on Thursday 21st December to raise funds for play equipment. The children really enjoyed the 'Beetle Drive' which was held before Hallowe'en so they've decided to adapt it for Christmas! Admission is £1/child

There is no need for children to wear uniform on the half-day Friday 22nd. That means uniforms can be washed and put away before everyone gets caught up in the last minute rush for Christmas!

Ulsterbus School Bus Service

Ulsterbus have told us the last day for the 'school bus' will be Wednesday 20th December. That means there will be no school bus service on Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd December.

Christmas Pantomime

A consent form for our trip to the Opera House in Belfast on 11th January is being sent home with every child this week. Can all forms be filled in and returned to your child's teacher on/before next Tuesday 12th December?

Important Dates

Friday 8 th December	-	School & Nursery Closed
Wednesday 20 th December	-	Christmas Disco - Non-Uniform Day, Admission £1/child
Thursday 21 st December	-	Snowman Drive - Non-Uniform Day, Admission £1/child
Friday 22 nd December	-	End of Term - School & Nursery class ends at 11.30a.m.
Monday 8 th January 2018	-	New Term Begins - Primary School and Nursery Unit
Thursday 11 th January 2018	-	Whole School Trip to Pantomime in Belfast
Wednesday 9 th May 2018	-	Confirmation 4.00p.m. (P.7 pupils)
Saturday 12 th May 2018	-	First Holy Communion 11.00a.m. (P4 pupils)

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Principal