



MONDAY NOTE

LONG TOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SACRAMENTAL DATES

This is a very special year for our Primary 4 and Primary 7 pupils in their journey of faith.

Primary 7

There will be a Confirmation meeting for Primary 7 pupils and their parents on **Wednesday 28th November** at **5.30pm** in Long Tower PS. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday 10th February 2019** at 3pm in St Columba's Church

Primary 4

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 25th May 2018 at 11am** in St. Columba's Church

The date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be confirmed in the new year

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs will finish for Christmas on Thursday 6th December. The Nursery club will finish on Tuesday 4th December.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We will hold our Open Day to showcase our school on Wednesday 5th December from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. All are welcome. Please encourage any of your friends or family who have children ready to start Nursery or Primary One to come along and see our school. All are welcome.

NOTICES

Mr Gallagher's P5 class assembly will take place on Friday 30th November at 9:30am in the Assembly Hall. All are very welcome.

Monday 26th November P4 will work with Fountain PS on Musical Pathways and Art project.

On Tuesday 27th November, P3 classes will have a shared World Around Us lesson with children from the Fountain PS.

On Wednesday 28th November, Primary 5 children will attend the final day of their Resilience Programme, organized by BBHF.

On Wednesday 28th November, Nursery children will go to The Little Playhouse to continue their art project with their friends from Fountain Nursery.

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

We strongly encourage children to wear bright and reflective clothing when out walking, cycling etc. as the darker mornings/nights come in. Teachers will be having discussions with pupils about the importance of being seen in the dark; children will have the opportunity to make posters on this topic and display them around the school. Teachers will discuss the benefits of wearing bright clothing, using reflectors and high vis vests etc.

SCHOOL CHOIR

A big welcome to all our new choir members and welcome back to our senior members. The choir has a busy schedule in the run up to Christmas. The choir will be singing at:

- Foyleside on Thursday 6th December at 11 am in support of Samaritans.
- St Columba's Cathedral, as part of the High Hopes Celebration on Thursday 6th December at 7.30pm
- Walled City Market, Bishop Street on 7th December at 1.15 pm.
- Quayside on Wednesday 12 December at 10.30 am for Foyle Hospice

Other dates are to be confirmed.

The Christmas party for the choir is on Friday 14th December

OPERATION SNOWBALL

This year again, local community groups are seeking donations of non-perishable food items for their Annual Secret Santa Hamper Appeal. All food will be collected from the school on Friday 14th December at 1.00pm. Any donation would be much appreciated.

BBC NEWSLINE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We are delighted that our school choir has been selected to take part in this year's BBC Newsline Christmas carols. Our school was chosen from four primary schools from across Northern Ireland to take part and will be recorded to sing after BBC Newsline on a date to be confirmed in December. The children's singing will be recorded in Long Tower PS and will then their pictures will be recorded in the Craft Village. We are very proud of our choir members.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

Tempest photography will be in the school on Wednesday 28th November to take individual photographs for P2 and family photographs. They will begin work at 8.45 am. If parents would like to bring younger children at 8.45 am, for the family photograph, they are welcome to do so.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

The Derry Youth Community will deliver Advent workshops for children in P2 – P4:

- Thursday 29th November P2 @ 9.30am in Assembly Hall
- Thursday 6th December P3 @ 9.30am in Assembly Hall
- Thursday 13th December P4 - P4 @ 9.30am in the classroom

ICT LIVE WEBINAR DISCUSSION

Key Stage 2 pupils, last week, had opportunities to experience the 5 E s by using the **Collaborate** app and webcams to take part in a live webinar chat with the NI Commissioner for Children and Young People. Pupils participated in an online discussion by posting their questions/comments and placing statements on the live feed. The Commissioner was very impressed with the questions and comments from our school in particular and praised our initiatives in the area of children's' rights and their protection. Our comments and ideas were shared with all schools in Northern Ireland and interesting feedback and responses were provided.

NUMERACY MEETING

There will be a meeting for the parents of P4 children regarding the teaching of subtraction and tens and units. At present, your child is learning the concept of Decomposition. Miss Bowe will explain the method we use in school. The meeting will be held in Miss Bowe's room on **Wednesday 1st December at 3.15pm** and will last approx. 30 minutes. Supervision for younger children will be available. We would be delighted to see as many as possible there.

PEANUT AND NUTFREE CLASSROOM

At present, we have children in the school who have nut allergies, therefore, it is vitally important that you do not send any food with your child to school that contains nuts. **Nuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed in school.**

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Christmas dinner for the children will be on Wednesday 12th December.

SUPPER WITH SANTA

The Nursery will host supper with Santa for Nursery children on Wednesday 5th December at 4 o'clock in the Nursery. Nursery children can come in their pajamas.

RIGHT RESPECTING SCHOOL

Rights of the Month

Article 15 The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: The right to make and have friends

Article 31: The right to play and rest.

Article 12: The right to have an opinion.

Article 19: the right to be protected from being hurt.

NATIVITY PLAY

Nursery Nativity will take place on Friday 14th December at 10.00 am. P1-3 Nativity will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday 18th and 19th December at 1.30pm

NURSERY STARS OF THE WEEK

SOPHIE MC LAUGHLIN AND AVA MC KEEVER

We congratulate our nursery stars, **Sophie Mc Laughlin and Ava Mc Keever** for being kind and helpful at tidy up times in the Nursery. WELL DONE, **Sophie and Ava.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR REQUESTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND THESE INTO SCHOOLS IN A LETTER WITH YOUR CHILD.

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