

St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge

Newsletter

December 2022



Admissions to Reception and P1 for 2023!

It is that time again when preparations begin for welcoming new children to our school. We will be holding our Open Day on Monday 19th of December between 10am and 12 noon. If you have a child due to begin Pre-School or P1 in the new academic year we would love to see you. If you are unable to attend the Open Day, contact the office and we can arrange a private appointment.

Christmas Show 2022!

The children and staff of St Eugene's PS are delighted to be presenting 'Aladdin and The First Christmas'. The performances will take place on Thursday 15th of December in the Farmer's Hall here in the village. There will be a morning show at 10am and an evening show at 7pm. *Please note that all children will go home from the Farmer's Hall after the morning show at approximately 12 noon and will need to return to the Farmer's Hall for 6.30pm in the evening.*

Tickets for the performances will be on sale from Monday 5th of December and are priced at £4 for adults and £2 for under 16s. Should you wish to purchase tickets please send money in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class and how many tickets (adult or under 16) you require written on the front.

We will also have a Christmas Raffle on the night, if you are able to donate any prizes, they would be very much appreciated. Each family will receive a book of 5 tickets by the end of next week. If you require additional tickets after that, they will be available on request from Mrs Gallagher and at both performances on the 15th.

Reminders!!!

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 7th of December. This will be provided automatically to those on the Free School Meals register. If you pay for your child's meals, please send £2.60 to order the meal by Tuesday 6th of December. Thank you.

Covid-19

Covid is still very much present in our community. We remind parents to be vigilant. If your child has symptoms of a cold, high temperature, change of taste and/or smell or a cough you should carry out a LFT. Children who are symptomatic in school will be sent home to be tested. If your child tests positive they must isolate from day zero (the day of symptoms/test) plus three more days afterwards. We need everyone to work together to avoid disruption to whole classes and staffing. You should inform the school if your child is positive.

Telephoning the Office

Please be advised that Mrs Gallagher does not start work until 9.30am, therefore, there is no one available to take calls before this time. Other staff are tied up in morning briefings and other duties. If you are calling before 9.30am a recorded message can be left on the answer phone.



Important Dates

5th December — Flu Immunisation by School Nursing Team.

7th December - Christmas Dinner.

15th December — Christmas Show 10am & 7pm.

Please note children will go home after the morning show on 15th December (approx. 12noon) and return for 6.30pm for the evening show.

19th December — Open Morning 10am — 12 noon.

21st December — School Closes at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays.

Christmas Holidays: 22nd Dec — 4th Jan inclusive.

4th January — Staff Development Day.

5th January — Children return following Christmas break.



Integrated Education Update

You will be aware that last term our parents voted overwhelmingly in favour of transformation to Integrated Status. Miss Gormley has started work on our Case for Change document and hopes to submit this early in 2023. She would welcome any help available from parents, friends, and members of the community. If you can help collect expressions of interest or with the promotion of our intentions, then Miss Gormley would be delighted to hear from you. All staff engaged in staff training with NICIE and EA on the 21st of November and this has helped inform our Three-Year Transformation Action Plan.



INTO Film Festival

Thanks to Mrs Connolly for organising a great whole school day out during the INTO Film Festival. The children and staff enjoyed a trip to the Alley Theatre on Thursday 10th of November to see 'The Life of Gru'.



P6/7 Trip to Stormont

Our Shared Education activity for this term came to an end on 22nd of November. The KS2 children finished on such a high with a trip to Stormont with our partner schools. The children enjoyed a very informative and memorable day!



Coding Workshops

Thank you to Mr Coyle from St Theresa's PS for leading the KS2 Coding Workshops throughout this term. These workshops were funded through our Extended Schools Cluster Group and were a great way to share skills and knowledge with children and staff from our 4-school partnership. We hope to extend these skills to our KS1 children in the New Year.



Daily Mile Santa Run

Well done to all pupils who took part in the Daily Mile Santa Run on Friday 2nd of December. A very enjoyable way to start the day, the younger children used the opportunity to post their Santa Letters and the older children engaged in some PR for our Open Day.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their continued support for our school. We are so fortunate to have such a strong school community who work together for the good of the children here at St Eugene's PS. I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to another action-packed term in 2023.

Miss Gormley