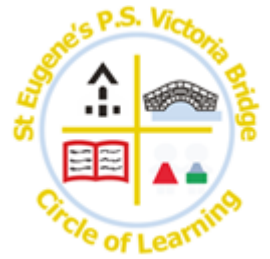


St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge Newsletter

December 2023



St Eugene's Primary School
Victoria Bridge
www.steugenepps.com

OPEN MORNING
Tuesday 19th December
10am – 12noon

- Tour 1: 10.15
- Tour 2: 11.15

- ✔ Breakfast Club
- ✔ Wide Range of Extra-Curricular Activities
- ✔ Small Rural School Experience

58 Fylin Road, Victoria Bridge, Strabane, BT82 9JH Tel: 028 8165 8439

A collage of four circular images showing school activities: children in a garden, a teacher and students in a classroom, children working at a table, and two boys looking at a laptop.

Admissions to Reception and P1 for 2024/2025!

It is that time again when preparations begin for welcoming new children to our school. We will be holding our Open Morning on Tuesday 19th of December between 10am and 12 noon. The first Principal's tour will be at 10.15 and the second at 11.15. 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 Morning, contact the office and we can arrange a private appointment.

Christmas Show 2023!

The children and staff of St Eugene's PS are delighted to be presenting 'Panto Pandemonium'. The performances will take place on Thursday 14th 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 and will need to return to the Farmer's Hall for 6.30pm in the evening.*

Tickets for the performances are on sale now 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, please remember to state if they are for the morning or evening show.

We will also have a Christmas Raffle after both shows, if you are able to donate any prizes, they would be very much appreciated. The tickets for the Raffle will be on sale before each show in the Farmer's Hall on 14th of December. They will be priced at £1 each or 6 for £5.

Reminders!!!

School Milk for Term Two

Mrs Gallagher will be placing an order for school milk for Term Two on Friday 15th of December. If you would like your child to take school milk from January to April, please send payment of £10.60 in a clearly marked envelope to the office on or before Friday 15th of December. If your child had milk during Term One and will not be taking it in Term Two, it is important that you telephone the office to advise Mrs Gallagher.



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

8th December — Wheelie Big Challenge for Eco-Committee.

13th December — FINAL 2.15 Club of 2023.

14th December — Christmas Show 10am & 7pm.

Please note children will go home after the morning show on 14th December (approx. 11:30) and return for 6.30pm for the evening show.

15th December — P1-P7 will all finish at 2.15 as a treat for the Christmas Show as requested by the Pupil Council.

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

20th December — School Closes at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays.

3rd January — Staff Development Day.

4th January — Children return following Christmas break. Next Cohort of Reception Children Begin.

9th January - Admissions Portal Opens for applications to Reception and P1.

26th January - Admissions Portal Closes for applications to Reception and P1.



Daily Mile Santa Run

Well done to all pupils and staff who took part in the Daily Mile Santa Run on Friday 1st of December. A very enjoyable way to start the day, with plenty of festive cheer. Don't forget about our active travel initiative for December, 'Journey to Santa' children will receive a stamp for every active journey to and from school. Any child with 15 stamps on the 15th of December will be entered into a draw to win a beautiful Christmas Hamper.



Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner

Thank you to Jackie our cook for a delicious Christmas Dinner on Thursday 7th of December. Our children had a lovely time singing to the Christmas music and enjoying the food. It was nice (and a little emotional) to see our P7 children sit together for their very last Christmas Dinner at Primary School. Well done to everyone too for their festive efforts on the day, the photo shows our youngest children enjoying the festive fun with Miss O'Brien.



Musical Pathways to Learning

Thank you to Miss Una for a wonderful term of Musical Pathways to Learning. We are sure all the parents will agree that this programme is worth every penny when they see the photos and videos on Seesaw. Miss Una will return in January to continue the programme with our Foundation Stage and KS1 children.



Wellbeing Programmes at St Eugene's PS

Our children have reaped the rewards of the wellbeing programmes available this term at our school. Thanks to Shannon for Relax Kids each week for our Foundation and KS1 children and to Aoibheann for her Renew-You sessions with KS2. Thanks also to Anne for Pupil Counselling. Anne's last session before Christmas will be Wednesday 13th of December.



May I take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, and carers for your 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 2024.

Miss Gormley