

# WINDSOR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents,

## P1 Admission for 2025



Information regarding enrolment to primary school will be available on the EA website at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> just before the Christmas holidays. The P1 online application procedure opens on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and closes on Friday 24 January 2025 at 12noon (GMT). As soon as further Department of Education guidance becomes available this will be forwarded to parents. Applications are preferred through the EA One portal, support is available for everyone who needs it with this process – contact the office and Miss McKane will call you back. P1 applications should be made for children whose 4<sup>th</sup> birthday falls on or before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, including those who may have deferred their application last year. Prospective parents are welcome to make an appointment to visit school. Further information is also available on social media and the school website.

## CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Christmas is a particularly exciting time of year for our children, and we are very much looking forward to sharing this in school, especially as we plan for this year's Christmas Concert – 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'.

### Santa's Daily Mile

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers for the Santa Daily Mile on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we will be able to start December outside in our Christmas jumpers.



### Christmas Post

If children wish to post Christmas Cards to their friends, they can do so by posting in our post boxes in the main corridor from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December with deliveries from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Post will be sorted and distributed by our P7 pupils.

### Class Christmas Parties

Each class will arrange their own Christmas party which will take place in the assembly hall. Pupils may wear their party clothes to school that day and school will provide juice and some sweets / treats to enjoy at the party.

P1, P2 & P3 – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

P4, P5 & P7 – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

P6/7- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - SP1 & SP2 – Pupils and Parents Christmas 'Play and Stay' – 9:00 – 11:00am

### Christmas Performance – 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'



It is planned that our pupils will perform 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw', based on the Nativity Story, on the afternoon of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December starting @ 1:30pm & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 10:00am. To enable as many parents as possible to attend there will be two performances, one in the afternoon and then the following morning. Keeping performances to during school hours ensures that all the pupils are available to take part.

Tickets for the event, costing £5 each will be available at school from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024. Money raised through ticket sales will be shared between school funds and Newry Hospice.



### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We are inviting everyone to wear their Christmas jumpers on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024**, which is also the date of our Christmas School Dinner this year.

### **Christmas Theatre Visit– Sheridan Theatre Co.**

It has been quite a few years since we have had a theatre production in school at Christmas and are delighted that Roz Sheridan will be joining us once again to perform her latest primary school production for us live in the assembly hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - **'A Very Merry Mrs Claus'** for our P1 – P7 pupils. The cost of this production will be covered from school funds.

### **Christmas Dinner**

This year's school Christmas dinner will be served on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. It is important that Christmas Dinner is booked and paid for in advance.



### **Christmas Presents**

The staff plan to continue to donate money to charity in lieu of buying individual presents for the children this year. The charity chosen to benefit is Newry Hospice. We also invite parents to contribute to this very worthy cause in lieu of presents for staff, donations can be sent into school in an envelope at any time between now and the end of term.

### **Shared Education Christmas Choir**

With the return of the Newry Chamber of Trade Christmas Gala dinner on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, we have been delighted to see some of our choir members joining choir members from St Patrick's to prepare some Christmas songs to welcome guests to this charity event. The pupils attending will be treated to their tea that evening in the Canal Court, which we hope they will all enjoy.

### **End of Term**

School will end at 12.00 noon on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be no dinners served that day.

There is no bus to Shandon Park. Please ensure that your child is aware of arrangements for going home from school at the end of term.

### **New Term**

School reopens for all pupils on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

As a staff we thank you all for your continued support and wish all pupils, parents and friends of the school a very Happy Christmas and healthy New Year.

A copy of this letter and all other correspondence sent home will be placed on the School website @ <https://www.windsorhillps.co.uk/newsletters-and-letters-for-parents/>

Yours faithfully

I. McKane  
Principal

