

# WINDSOR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

## P1 Admission for 2024



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 procedure opens on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and closes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 12noon (GMT). As soon as further Department of Education guidance becomes available this will be forwarded to parents. While digital applications are preferred, support is available for everyone who needs it. A request has been made for a paper form for those struggling with online – 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 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 this year as our pupils who are preparing for their Christmas Performance.

### Santa's Daily Mile

Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers for the Santa Daily Mile on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we will get 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 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December with deliveries from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Post will be sorted and distributed by our P7 pupils. Please write the class as well as the name on the envelop please.

### 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. Below are the dates chosen this year:

P7 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

P1 & P2 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

P3 & P4 and P5/6 – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

P6 – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

SP1 - SPSLD Christmas Themed Sensory Play time – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Concert – Christmas Cheer

It is planned that all our P1 – P7 classes will this year contribute an item for our Christmas Concert – ‘Christmas Cheer’. The performances will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:30pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 10am.

School will finish for **all children** at 3:00pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December with the concert in the afternoon.

### Tickets

Tickets for the event, costing £5 each will be available at school from **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. 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 **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**, which is also the date of our Christmas School Dinner this year. Pupils wearing their jumpers on 15<sup>th</sup> December are invited to bring a foodbank contribution – tinned food or non perishable food which we will pass on to the Newry Food Initiative, which has reopened in Hill Street and is co-ordinated by some of our local churches to support local families.

### **Christmas Dinner**

This year's school Christmas dinner will also be served on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. It is important that Christmas Dinner is booked and paid for in advance.



### **Christmas Presents**

Staff and parents are welcome to make a donation, through the office, to our chosen charity, Newry Hospice, in lieu of buying Christmas presents for pupils or staff. Donations can be sent into school in a sealed envelope at any time between now and the end of term.

### **Shared Education Christmas Choir**

The Newry Chamber of Trade Christmas Gala dinner takes place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Some of our P6 & P7 choir members have been joining choir members from St Patrick's to prepare some Christmas songs to welcome guests to this charity event. The pupils attending are also 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 **Thursday 21<sup>st</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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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

