

WINDSOR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 28th November 2022

Dear Parents,



P1 Admission for 2023

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 Monday 10th January 2023 and closes on 27 January 2023 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 with paper applications – just contact the office and Miss McKane will call you back. P1 applications should be made for children whose 4th birthday falls on or before 1st July 2019, 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 P1 – P4 pupils are preparing for their Christmas Performance.

Santa's Daily Mile

Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers for the Santa Daily Mile on Friday 2nd 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 Monday 6th December with deliveries from Monday 12th – Monday 19th 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. Teachers will inform parents directly of the date of their class party. Pupils may wear their party clothes to school that day and school will provide juice and some sweets / treats to enjoy at the party.

Christmas Performance – 'The Bethlehem Bake-Off'

It is planned that P1 – P4 classes will perform 'The Bethlehem Bakeoff' on Tuesday 13th December 2022. To enable as many parents as possible to attend there will be two performances, one at 10.30 am with a second evening show at 7.00pm.

School will finish for **all children** at 1.30pm on the day of the performances. The children taking part will be returning to school at 6.30pm for the 7.00pm concert.

Tickets for the event, costing £5 each will be available at school from Tuesday 6th December 2022. 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 15th December 2022, which is also the date of our Christmas School Dinner this year. While the Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day has been set as Thursday 8th December, our P1 – P4 pupils will be preparing for their concert, which is why we are delaying this until the following week. Pupils wearing their jumpers on 15th December are invited to make a donation of £2 towards the Save the Children Appeal Christmas Jumper Appeal.

Christmas Dinner

This year's school Christmas dinner will also be served on **Thursday 15th 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 **BPositive**, a local children's cancer charity. 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 8th December, we have been delighted to see our P7 choir members 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 **Wednesday 21st 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 **Thursday 5th January 2023**

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

