**DIARY DATES**

Mon 3rd– P3 trip to Nativity Display, Ballykelly

Tues 4th– Number Busters 3-4pm

Choir Carol Singing in Foyleside

P4 and P5 decorating community Christmas Tree

Wed 5th– Exceptional School Closure

Thurs 6th– Evening with Santa @ 6pm

Rev Stockitt Assembly

Swimming Session 9

Fri 7th- Mr Potts’ P6 pupils @ Lego Mindstorms, St.Joseph’s 1-3pm

Mon 10th– Carol Service Practice in church

Tues 11th– Final Number Busters 3-4pm

Carol Service Practice in church

Wed 12th– Carol Service @ 6.30pm

Thurs 13th– Christmas Dinner

Fri 14th– Mr Potts’ P6 pupils @ Lego Mindstorms, St.Joseph’s 1-3pm

Mon 17th– AR term 1 Treat

Tues 18th– PATHS model lessons

Wed 19th– Shared Education Choir singing for Senior Citizens in Church of Ireland Hall

Thurs 20th: CEF assembly and final swimming session

Fri 21st: half day for Christmas holidays!

**This month’s recognitions**

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our pupil of the month in each class for November!

Taylor in Miss Sayers and Mrs Young’s class

Carson in Miss Nutt’s class

Cody in Mrs McCusker and Mrs Bateson’s class

Jake in Mr Potts’ class

Harvey in Mrs Devine’s class

**Christmas Carol Service**

We are excited to invite you all to our Christmas Carol Service in the Church of Ireland. This will take place on Wednesday 12th December @ 6.30pm. Every child will be involved in performing through songs, Bible readings and poems to tell the nativity story. Please come along and enjoy this evening of celebrations!

**Community Nominated Achievement Award**

A huge well done to Reece in P5 for receiving November’s community nominated award. Reece has been extremely busy fishing lately and was awarded first place in the Ballyheather Angling competition. This is a great achievement and we are all very proud. Keep up the hard work Reece!

**Christmas Holidays**

School will close at 12noon on Friday 21st of December and will reopen to pupils on Monday 7th January.

**‘An Evening with Santa’**

On Thursday 6th December we had such a wonderful evening in school. Everyone enjoyed some lovely treats washed down with tea, coffee and juice, finished off with a visit to see Santa. We would like to thank our fantastic parents for their support through purchasing tickets and raffle tickets. We are also extremely grateful for all of the donations we received for our hamper prizes. A huge thank you to McDaid’s bakery for donating some delicious buns and apple crumble for this evening. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did!

**P7 Transfer**

It is getting to the time where we have to start thinking about our P7 children moving on to secondary school. Information on the Transfer Procedure is available to parents on the EA website at www.eani.org.uk/admissions, on our own website and linked on our Facebook page. Transfer forms, for completion by parents, will be sent home in the new year.

**AFTERSCHOOLS CLUBS**

Our fantastic After Schools Clubs are still packed with plenty of variety for our children.

Busy Bees is still available every day from 2-3pm.

Busy Bees extra from 3-4pm and Homework Club 3-4pm (children from P2-7 can avail of this)

During late club there will be lots of wonderful Christmas art and some Christmas movies to enjoy on the ‘Big Screen’!

Booking is essential so please ensure to use our booking form and use a labelled envelope for payment purposes.

**Posting our Santa Letters**

The whole school enjoyed a brisk Christmassy walk down to post their letters to Santa on Thursday 6th December. We even got some yummy sweets provided by Fulton’s shop. I am sure Santa is very busy reading all of those lovely letters and the elves are already working hard to get things ready for Christmas day!

**Children’s Christmas Raffle**

Prizes will soon be available to see outside Mrs Young’s office and raffle tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 11th December at break and lunch times. Tickets are 20p each or 3 for 50p. The children have suggested some great prizes! The winners will be drawn at Christmas Dinner.

 **School Christmas dinner**

Our fabulous dinner ladies will be putting on their yummy spread of Christmas dinner on Thursday 13th December. This will consist of Turkey, mashed and roast potatoes, vegetables, stuffing and cocktail sausages! There will be some delicious ice cream or a festive traybake to choose for pudding. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school for this.

**P3’s trip to Ballykelly!**

On Monday 3rd December, Miss Nutt’s class took a trip to a Nativity display at the Church of Ireland in Ballykelly. Here they got to view some excellent creations of the nativity scene, including their own class masterpiece! They also enjoyed a packed lunch, story time and festive art. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

**A farewell to Jayne**

Everyone here at DPS were extremely sad to say goodbye to Jayne one of our teaching assistants. Jayne has been a valued member of staff at our school for fifteen years but has since secured a full time post elsewhere. We wish her every success in her future career and we hope she will pop in to see us often. As Jayne stated, “ I only live up the road!” Thank you Jayne for all your hard work and dedication over the years!

**Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

We plan to have a Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 20th December as part of Save the Children’s annual fundraiser. We would really appreciate it if each child could bring £1 to school and wear their Christmas jumper. All Proceeds will go to Save the Children charity.

**Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner**

Our choir will make their annual visit to the Church of Ireland hall to provide some carol singing for our senior friends after their dinner. This will take place on Wednesday 19th December and our Shared Education school choirs would also like to join us for this. This will be a lovely opportunity to provide music as a Shared Education choir.

**All the children, staff and governors would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

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