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## **INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS - 5 DECEMBER 2017**

It is so hard to believe that the Christmas season is almost upon us! The children tell us there are only 19 more sleeps until Christmas day so we hope you have your list for Santa all ready to go! We here at the Central are asking him for a relaxed, happy Christmas break – and chocolate!

### **CRAZY HAIR DAY!**

Thank you so much for your support on 'Crazy Hair Day' – we definitely had some amazing hair-do's on display!

You raised £700 which will go towards purchasing new reading books for school. Well done to all and thank you again!



### **POPPY APPEAL**

We have received notification from The Royal British Legion Local Honorary Organiser, Mr Sam Newell, thanking us for our support and informing us £1,595.86 was collected in school this year for the poppy appeal. Thank you, once again, for your generosity.

### **ECO UPDATE**

Our new team of Eco Councilors for this academic year were elected back in October 2017. They are:



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| Tylor Young     | Olivia Humphreys | Tyler Mayne    | Ciara McDonald | Charlie Shields |
| Shakeel Hussain | Zara Simpson     | Will McGrann   | Jack Glass     | Judah Trimble   |
| April McFarlane | Izzy Douglas     | Chelsy Corbett | Mollie Gray.   |                 |

These 14 pupils from P4-P7 have since been meeting to discuss plans for the year ahead and are excited to develop all things 'Eco' in school. Our Eco-Council have also been really busy in our Eco-Garden. They have been clearing weeds from the raised beds and have harvested lots of herbs and vegetables which were donated to our school canteen. More recently, they have been planting hedge saplings which were received from the Woodland Trust. Once grown, this hedge will be a haven for lots of different types of wildlife.



The Eco-Council have lots of exciting things in the pipeline for the coming year so keep watching the website for updates on what they are getting up to!

## **P1 AND P2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



Our Foundation Years' pupils have been practising intently and are delighted to announce that their Christmas Concerts will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017. There will be two performances as follows:

9.45 am For parents/guardians of P1 pupils  
11.30 am For parents/guardians of P2 pupils

Unfortunately, due to the large numbers of children involved, it will not be possible for parents to stay for both performances. Doors open at 9.20 am and 11.05 am respectively; please enter school through Gate D and walk around the rear of the building to enter the hall via the back doors.

We are so excited in school and are looking forward to welcoming you to these performances – you will not be disappointed!

## **SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE**

Our Carol Service will be held in the school Assembly Hall on Thursday 14 December 2017 at 7.30 pm. All parents and friends of Dromore Central Primary School are very welcome to join with us.

## **MOVIE MADNESS**

On Friday 15 December 2017 we are planning to have a Movie Day for all pupils! This will be held in the school Assembly Hall during school hours. The movie will be up on the big screen and the hall darkened down – just like being in the cinema!



## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

Don't we all LOVE a good party? Well, your children are in for a treat! The class Christmas parties are going to be held this year on the following dates:



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| Monday    | 18 December 2017 | P1, P2 and P5 parties                          |
| Tuesday   | 19 December 2017 | P3, P4 and P6 parties                          |
| Wednesday | 20 December 2017 | P7 Christmas visit to Iveagh Cinema, Banbridge |

On the day of their party, children are welcome to come to school in their 'party gear' (no football/sports tops please) and will be thoroughly entertained with games and other fun activities. As has been the custom in previous years, teachers will be supplying juice and 'party goodies' for the children in their classes. This will be their Christmas gift to the children.



## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Our last day of term will be Christmas Jumper Day. All pupils – and staff! – are encouraged to wear their favourite Christmas jumper. No football/sports tops please. Children are permitted to bring a quiet toy with them on that day, however, no computerised/expensive games please.

## **END OF TERM**

Just a reminder that **school will finish on Thursday 21 December 2017** for the Christmas holidays, with a half day. Pupils will be dismissed from school as follows:

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| 12.00 Noon | P6 + P7 pupils, with younger siblings | leaving via <u>Gate C</u> (P4/Miss Gribben's P7 Gate) |
| 12.15 pm   | P4 + P5 pupils, with younger siblings | leaving via <u>Gate C</u> (P4/Miss Gribben's P7 Gate) |
| 12.30 pm   | Pupils collected by Day Nurseries     | leaving via <u>Gate C</u> (P4/Miss Gribben's P7 Gate) |
| 12.30 pm   | All remaining pupils                  | leaving via <u>their usual exit gate</u>              |

**Spring term will commence on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at the usual times.**

## **VICE PRINCIPAL**

As we had previously informed you, our Vice Principal, Mr Stephen Carlisle, has been appointed to the position of Principal of Iveagh Primary school, Rathfriland. He will be taking up this post from Monday 11 December 2017, therefore, his last day with us will be Friday 8 December 2017.

Mr Carlisle has worked with us in Dromore Central for over 18 years. In that time, he has taught P7 and, this year, P5; he has been responsible for arranging, co-ordinating, and quite often writing, our school plays. For many years he has organised and led, to the delight of the children, the P7 Educational Visit to Edinburgh.

Mr Carlisle has been involved with Pastoral Care here in school and has been a friend, confidante and advisor to pupils and parents, as well as to members of staff. Dromore Central Primary School and the wider community are at the heart of all he does. You will understand, this list details just a few of his accomplishments/roles in school – we wouldn't have enough space here to list all that he has achieved. On a personal level, I would like to thank him for being a tremendous support to me since I joined Dromore Central Primary School as Principal.

Mr Carlisle, we wish you every blessing in this new adventure and assure you that you will be sorely missed here in Dromore Central Primary school. Our doors will always be open to you.

***We would like to take this opportunity wish all of you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.***

L Allen (Mrs)  
Principal

