



# ST PATRICK'S NEWS



Friday 8th December 2017



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

**Friday 15th December**  
**Please donate £1**  
**All proceeds to Save the Children.**

## Christmas Fair

**Friday 15th December**

Please bring cake donations to the school office by 2pm.  
If you are available to help set up the fair, please come to the office at 1pm.

### CHANGES TO THE JUNIOR NATIVITY

*Mr Cranitch writes-*

This year we are making some changes to the Junior Nativity. We have a proud tradition at St Patrick's of putting on memorable nativity plays with a high standard of acting, singing and musical accompaniment. In the past all the children have dressed up and acted different groups of characters from the Christmas story. However this has involved a lot of effort on the part of parents to find costumes and help the children learn lines and lots of practices for all the classes at the church. This meant that children were sitting doing very little, waiting for their bit, for considerable periods of time. Given this and as there was less time for other important learning, we have decided that we need to try a slightly different approach this year. Every child in the Juniors will still take part but there will be few lines to learn and the amount of practice required will be less.

It is for that reason that the children in Years 5 and 6 will be doing the reading but not acting. The children in Year 4 will be dressing up and presenting tableaus but they will not be speaking. The children in Year 3 will not be dressing up as characters in the story. They will be wearing winter clothes and doing a small bit of acting and speaking. The idea is that all the children contribute, that we share the Christmas story with the audience, and that with less practice time and no lines to learn, we can still put on something beautiful and memorable.

I know that not everyone will agree with the change. I hope however, that you will understand the reason for the changes and support the nativity celebration by coming along to see the children perform.

### CLUBS AND ASSEMBLIES

**MONDAY** Parents Prayer Group 9am  
Homework Club - ends 4.45pm

**TUESDAY** Homework Club - ends 4.45pm

**WEDNESDAY** Multi-Sports Club Yrs 1 & 2  
ends 4.45pm

**FRIDAY NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**  
Christmas Concert and Christmas Fair.  
Christmas Jumper Day

Reception and Nursery  
Celebration Morning

Friday 15th Dec 9-10am

All parents & carers welcome.

Awards

	Academic Excellence	Community	Attendance
Rec	Arthur	Georgia	89.7%
Yr 1	Eshoe	Mekdem	90.5%
Yr 2	Maryam	Ryan	95.4%
Yr 3	Evie	Malaika	94.1%
Yr 4	Erik	Ayyub	98.1%
Yr 5	Adam	Shanel	96.6%
Yr 6	Hermela	Jemima	96.1%

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**



**Year 4**

### SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about any child's safety or child protection, please see Mr Cranitch - Headteacher ASAP. If he is not available please see Miss McDaid - Deputy.

If your child has a problem with another child at school, please speak to the class teacher. **Parents MUST NOT approach individual children or parents.**

**School Closes for Christmas at 2pm on Tuesday 19th December and reopens at 8.50am on Wednesday 3rd January 2018**

Monday 11th Dec.	Parents Prayer Group 9am
Tuesday 12th Dec.	KS1 Nativity 2.30 pm in school
Wednesday 13th Dec.	KS1 Nativity 9.30 am in school
Wednesday 13th Dec.	KS2 Nativity 6.00pm in church for 6.30pm start
Thursday 14th Dec.	School Christmas Lunch * moved from 8th Dec
Friday 15th Dec.	Christmas Concert and Mini Christmas Fair Christmas Jumper day
Monday 18th Dec.	Parents Prayer Group 9am
Tuesday 19th Dec.	School Closes 2pm
Wednesday 3rd Jan 2018	School Reopens 8.50am

## Our Lady Help of Christians

### Advent Prayer Days

200-8.00 pm on Wednesdays leading to Christmas.

There will be regular structured prayers in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays before Christmas beginning this week. Make use of our Advent Petition Book to present your petitions to God at our Sunday Masses over the holy season.

Come and go at any time. Capture the real spirit of Advent and Christmas by a visit to the church on Wednesdays. Just as Christmas is for everyone so our Advent preparation for Christmas is for everyone, babies, children, teenagers, young adults, mature adults and elderly, friends, parents, families, sick and housebound

### Parent Prayer Group

Father Tom visits the school on Mondays at 9am for a short reflection on the Gospel readings. All parents and carers are invited to join us,



Mulled Wine,  
Hot Chocolate  
and cakes.

# ST PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CHRISTMAS FAIR!

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER  
FROM 2PM ONWARDS

Lots of Christmas Fun:  
Christmas Stockings  
Face Painting  
Card Making  
Raffle  
Baubles  
Tombola

Concert Tickets £1  
available from Class Reps.  
(£1.50 on the door if available)

Santa Claus  
is coming  
to School!

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