



MONDAY NOTE

LONG TOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas is an expensive time of the year for everyone. Mindful of the true meaning of Christmas, we would encourage rather than purchase a gift for members of staff, you get your child to say a prayer, draw a picture or write a poem and share it with someone in the school community. We would ask all our parents to say a prayer of blessing for all in our school community and the children of the world.

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

We strongly encourage children to wear bright and reflective clothing when out walking, cycling etc. as the darker mornings/nights come in. Teachers will be having discussions with pupils about the importance of being seen in the dark; children will have the opportunity to make posters on this topic and display them around the school.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE

The cross country team will participate in Round 2 of the Flavahan's Cross Country Competition in Oakgrove College in Derry. We wish our team the best of luck for the competition on Friday 6th December.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The school will be closed on the following dates:

- Thursday 12th December – Westminster Elections
- Friday 20th December – Christmas holidays

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs will finish for Christmas on Thursday 5th December. The Nursery club will finish on Wednesday 11th December.

NOTICES

Miss Mc McCaughey's P5 will have their assembly at 9.30am in the assembly hall on Friday 6th December.

Tuesday 3rd December, P5 will visit Central Library for storytelling.

Thursday 5th December, Christmas dinner will be served.

Thursday 5th December, P6 and P7 will attend the "Let's Do Panto" by Lilliput Theatre in the Playhouse.

Friday 6th December, nursery children will attend the central library for storytelling. P6 buddies will accompany them.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets are available for our Christmas draw. Prizes are displayed in the main school. If anyone has unwanted, unused gifts that you would like to recycle, all donations would be gratefully accepted. All money raised will go towards developing our Nurture room.

Draw will take place Wednesday 18th December.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner will be Thursday 5th December 2019.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SHOWS

- The Nursery Christmas Nativity show will be held on **Tuesday 17 December** at 10 am.
- Primary 1-3 Christmas Nativity takes place on **Tuesday 10th December** at 1.30 pm and **Wednesday 11th December** at 1.30 pm.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Christmas craft workshops will continue on Thursday 21st November from 9.15 until 11 O'clock, in the Meeting Room. The cost is £2 per week and this covers materials.

If interested, please give your name to Mrs Hutchison. All are welcome.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We will hold our Open day to showcase our school on Wednesday 4th December from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. All are welcome. Please encourage any of your friends or family who have children ready to start Nursery or Primary One to come along and see our school.

CHOIR

The choir will sing at the following venues in the run up to Christmas:

- Friday 6th December 10.30am at Foyleside for Children in Crossfire
- Monday 9th December at Creggan Day Centre
- Tuesday 10th December at 10am at Quayside for Foyle Hospice
- Wednesday 18th December at 11.30am at St Columba's Cathedral

The choir Christmas party will be Monday 16th December

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The school will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday 2nd December for staff development day
- Thursday 12th December for Westminster elections
- Friday 20th December at 12.15 for Christmas holidays

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

Primary One Miss Henderson	Jaxon Griffin
Primary One Mrs Connolly	Jace Hillen
Primary Two Mrs Kelly	Leyla Doherty
Primary Two Miss Guy	Roise McGowan
Primary Three Miss Biddle	Jacob McLaughlin
Primary Three Mrs Lynch	Myla Daly
Primary Four Miss Bowe	Maison Taylor
Primary Five Mrs Mc Crystal	Hayden Kennedy
Primary Five Mrs Duncan	Caleb Moran
Primary Six Mr Gallagher	Evie Crawley
Primary Six Ms Mc Glinchey	Maria Bradley
Primary Seven Miss Doherty	Niamh Anderson

PARENT DANCE CLASS

Following on from the success of our Halloween Dance session, Mr Carlin has been approached by several parent who have requested a dance class for parents. We hope to see many of our parents/ friends there. Class will be every Monday at 9.15 to 10 in the assembly hall, cost is £2.50 per class.

FOYLE FOOD BANK AND OPERATION SNOWBALL

Foyle Food Bank and Operation Snowball have asked that donate non-perishable food for their annual Christmas hampers. Please leave donations at school office or give to class teacher. Any donation would be much appreciated.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Wednesday 4th December, nursery children will have breakfast with Santa. Children can come to school in their pajamas. We will continue with our Big Book Read and we will have Christmas story telling. Nursery parents are invited to the meeting room at 9.15am, where we will be looking at our next GRTL session, Education Works in Preschool, followed by breakfast with Santa in the nursery.

LIBRARY VISIT FOR NURSERY CHILDREN

On Friday 6th December at 9.30, nursery children will visit the library for Christmas story telling. This will be followed by a visit to Foyleside to see Christmas decorations. Parents are welcome to come along.

NURSERY CHILDREN OF THE WEEK

TROY MC CARTNEY, EIREANN WILSON AND HANNAH WADE

We congratulate Troy McCartney, Eireann Wilson and Hannah Wade for being kind and great helpers at tidy up time. Well done Troy, Eireann and Hannah.

PEANUT AND NUTFREE CLASSROOM

At present, we have children in the school who have nut allergies, therefore, it is vitally important that you do not send any food with your child to school that contains nuts. Nuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed in school.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR REQUESTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE
TO SEND THESE INTO SCHOOLS IN A LETTER WITH YOUR

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