



Christmas Holidays The School will close on Wednesday 22 December at P1 to P3 (plus any other siblings) at 12.45 pm and P4 to P7 at 1.00 pm and re-open as normal on Thursday 06 January 2022.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If at any time you have any concerns of a Child Protection or pastoral nature, you can arrange to speak to any member of our Safe Guarding Team by contacting the School Office.

Mrs Bovill, Designated teacher
Mrs Whann, Deputy Designated teacher
Mrs Parker, Chair of the Safeguarding Team
Rev Neilly, Governor for Child Protection
Mrs Stevenson, Chair of Governors

NSPCC 'PANTS' PROGRAMME

This week P4-7 classes will be covering some of the NSPCC PANTS programme. This is specifically designed for primary schools and focuses on children's respect for their own and others' bodies.

More details can be found on the school's section of the NSPCC website. -

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/pants-teaching>

Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss this further.

It would be our hope that all children participate in this age appropriate PDMU lesson, however you can withdraw your child by contacting the school office if you wish.



CHRISTMAS AT FORTOWNS PSI

1. CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

In the context of rising COVID cases in the community, it is with cautious enthusiasm that we look forward to our Christmas performances and ask for your assistance to ensure that the safety mitigations we have in place are implemented as smoothly as possible.

**P4 and 5 Carol Service (Tue 7 Dec at 7pm)

**P6 and 7 Carol Service (Wed 8 at 7pm)

All seats have now been allocated and you should have your seat reservation card. **Please bring this to the Carol Service to ensure you are seated promptly.**

There will be a 1 metre space between each pair of guests. **No guests should arrive on the evening without prior booking.**

Please go directly to your allocated seat and avoid mingling.

Please note that guidance on the back of tickets re masks has now been updated by The Presbyterian Church Ireland: - Masks must be worn at all times.

At the **end of the service**, to ensure a safe, quick and smooth exit, we would ask that guests remain seated until advised to leave. Guests will leave in order according to their children's classes to facilitate the collection of pupils. Children will be lined up in the foyer, class by class and parents/guardians will leave in this order collecting their child(ren) as they walk through. We would ask parents/ guardians to leave directly and not mingle.

I apologise for such un-festive, detailed, prescriptive directions! However I believe that strict adherence is the only way in which we would feel that we can proceed with these Carol Services in a safe, responsible manner, and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

There will be a retiring offering for Scripture Union(NI), Stand By Me and the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children. Contributions can be placed in plates at the door. ParentPay has also been set up to receive online donations.

Pupils should be dropped off at 1st Ahoghill at 9.00 am and collected at 2.00 pm on the day of their Carol Service

If you have a 2.00 pm school and church collection please do your school collection first.

Those not participating should come to school as normal.

PRIMARY 1 - 3 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Each pupil may invite only 2 guests for their performance which will take place in the School Assembly Hall at 9.30 am.

- **Primary 1 - Monday 13 December.**
- **Primary 2/3 - Tuesday 14 December.**
- **Primary 1/2 - Wednesday 15 December.**
- **Primary 3 - Thursday 16 December**

We look forward to seeing you then!

2. CHRISTMAS CARDS



Primary 7 are operating a Christmas card internal postal service for those who would like to send Christmas cards to their friends in school.

If your child would like to take part in this, they should ensure that envelopes clearly states the name (First letter(s) of surname if there are more than one of a name per class) and class teacher of the recipient and post their cards in the post boxes between **Wednesday 1 December and Wednesday 15 December 2021.**

Class Teachers will send out class lists to help with this.

Please note that the post-boxes will not operate Wednesday 15 December 2021.

3. CHRISTMAS PARTY BOX LUNCH

Friday 17 December 2021

All bookings can be made via Parent Pay once the December Menu is live. **Children can wear Christmas jumpers to add a little festive cheer, if they wish!**

4. CHRISTMAS CLASS PARTIES

Each class will be holding class Christmas parties with traditional games and party treats supplied by the School. **Children may wear Christmas jumpers. Teachers will let parents know when their class party will take place.**

5. CHRISTMAS CINEMA TRIP

Wednesday 22 December please book this trip and pay on ParentPay by Friday 17 December 2021.

Collection arrangements are:

P1-3 (plus any older siblings) at 12.45 pm
P4-7 at 1.00 pm

NUT ALLERGIES

Please ensure that no nuts are sent to school as we have children with potentially life threatening allergies.

POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We will share information from post primary schools as they communicate it with us.

Please see below for information regarding **Cambridge House.**

Open Morning: Saturday 22 January 2022 (to be confirmed)

PRIMARY 6 AND 7 RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

School Trip - Year 7 to Newcastle YMCA

Dates: 29 March 2022 to 01 April 2022

- Remaining Balance to be paid by 11 February 2022 Payments towards the remaining balances can be made via Parent Pay

School Trip - Year 6 to Newcastle YMCA

Dates: 26 April 2022 to 28 April 2022

- Remaining Balance to be paid by 11 February 2022.

Payments towards the remaining balances can be made via Parent Pay.

NEW INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2022 - Do you know of pupils in the area or if your child is starting school in August/September 2022 (i.e. age 4 on or before 1 July 2022), please inform the school as soon as possible and we will ensure that they are added to our lists so we can make contact and send out information. (Tel: 028 2587 1370).

Sustrans & Foodbank Christmas Appeal

We have been sent this message of thanks from Johnny (Sustrans) and Will (Foodbank)

THANK YOU ALL so much to all the pupils, parents and staff of Fourtowns PS, for your generosity to our Foodbank Christmas appeal. Last week we cycled over 100 miles to visit participating schools and collected over 1000kgs in food donations! This food will go a long way to help support local families in need at this time of the year.

Rotary Club Appeal

Many thanks for your generous support great cause.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - P4 to P7

A completed parental permission slip is required for each after school activity attended.

Please note that only Coaching for Christ after School Activities are on this week.

07-12-21	C4C Football** (Team - invite only)
09-12-21	C4C Football** (Non-Team - P5-7)

Mrs K Parker, Principal