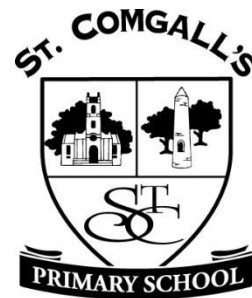


Parent Information Sheet

DECEMBER 2017



Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of
DECEMBER 2017.

Saint Vincent De Paul Hampers

Thank you all so much! As always, your generosity to our charity appeals knows no bounds. Pupils in years 5, 6 and 7 are putting together food hampers for needy families in our own community.

Your response has been overwhelming. However, if you still wish to donate any non-perishable food items, please forward to your class hamper by **TUESDAY 12TH December.** Saint Vincent De Paul will collect the hampers on Wednesday 13th December 2017



Year 1 Christmas Nativity Shows

P.1A Mrs Mullan - Wednesday 13th Dec at 9.30 – Assembly Hall

P.1B Mrs McLaughlin - Thursday 14th Dec at 9.30 – Assembly Hall

P.1C Miss McAllister - Friday 15th Dec at 9.30 – Assembly Hall

Children will be free to go home with a family member following the Show.

Family and friends are all very welcome to come along and enjoy this wonderful show! (No tickets required for this show.)

*Please note – siblings will have watched the dress rehearsal of these shows and therefore will remain in class during parent performance.



School and Parish Carol Service

All family members are invited to attend the Parish Carol Service on Mon 18th Dec at 7pm in St Comgall's Church. This evening will be led by the children of our school from Years 4 – 7.

It is always a beautiful evening. All Year 4 – 7 children should be seated in Church by 6.45pm. The carol service is scheduled to be over by 7.30pm approx.

We hope you can attend to support the children in Christmas preparation.

End of Term Arrangements

Non-uniform and half day for Christmas holidays on Friday 22nd Dec – **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12pm**, there will be **NO** breakfast club, **NO** tuck or lunches. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL BUS SERVICE AT ALL ON THURSDAY 21ST OR FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER.** Extra parking in playground on Friday 22nd December 2017.

Children return to school on Monday 8th January 2018!

Wishing you all a Happy & Peaceful Christmas!



Christmas 'Gift of Life' – SCHOOL DEFIBRILLATOR



This year we will have our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Thurs 21st December. We are giving advance notice as it is now our tradition to make a small donation on Christmas Jumper Day INSTEAD OF BUYING school staff a Christmas gift.

Please do not buy Christmas gifts – thanks.

Instead, children will receive - nearer the time, a small donation envelope. This year, these donations will go towards the school purchasing an A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator). This is equipment which could one-day save the life of someone on our school site. Any donations (via envelope instead of staff gift) will be gratefully received. As always, thank you for your generosity.



Carol Service – Antrim Forum (Choir)

The choir will attend the Antrim Borough Council Annual Carol Service in the Antrim Forum on Saturday 9th Dec – meeting at 3.00pm in the Foyer and picking up at 4.45pm. Parents should note, this a free concert, no tickets required. It would be great if the children were performing for their family – so come along if you can.

P.3 Panto (P.1 & P.2 Cinema Day)

On Friday 8th December P.3 will attend the local pantomime. Information will be given directly to this year group. The children in P.1 & P.2 will be given a Cinema Day! On this day, they will watch a movie and school will supply popcorn and juice for everyone.



P.7 Panto (P.4 – P.6 Cinema Day)

On Tuesday 12th December P.7 will attend the Grand Opera House pantomime. Also on this day P.4 – P.6 will have an in-school cinema day and school will supply a movie, popcorn and juice for everyone.

Tuesday 19th Dec – Children's Christmas Dinner

All children will be invited to attend school Christmas Dinner. A fantastic celebration in our school. This takes place on 19th Dec. The cost for Christmas Dinner is £2.60, **paid on the day at the canteen** and those entitled to free meals use their pass as normal.

Please do not send dinner money in advance.



School Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On Friday 8th December at 10am children from P.2 – P.7 will attend Mass to celebrate this feast day. It would be wonderful, if you were free, to come along and pray with our school and parish community.

P.5C Shared Education Trip

On Wednesday 6th December P.5C will be going to Woodhall Adventure Centre with a class from Antrim Primary. It will be a fun filled day of activity getting to know our friends in Antrim Primary School a little better

Christmas Party & Jumper Day

Christmas Party Day and Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Thurs 21st Dec in all classes – children can bring a small treat and drink to school with them for the party. (There will be normal school dinners/lunches on this day).

Fundraising Group – A.G.M.



Dear parents, you are all invited to the A.G.M. of our School Fundraising Group. It will take place at 6.00pm – Tuesday 19th December 2017. The Fundraising Group promise it will be a short meeting and there will be mince pies!



Free Microsoft Office for C2k Users

With Christmas on the horizon staff and parents may be planning to purchase new personal devices including tablets.

To avoid the unnecessary purchase of MS Office - staff, pupils and guardians have no need to purchase MS Office as it **available free** with a C2k username on up to 5 personal devices in 4 easy steps

1. Visit <http://portal.office.com>
2. Enter C2k username in the format auser123@c2ken.net
3. At the next box enter (i) your C2k username eg. auser123 and (ii) your password
4. Download the version of MS Office you require

Possible Adverse Weather Conditions

In advance of possible adverse weather conditions over the next few months, please be aware of the following:

- 1) Parents will be informed by text and school website if it is necessary to close the school due to adverse weather. These decisions are not taken lightly and are done so via a risk assessment for the health and safety of the whole school community – including the inability to staff the school if teachers cannot travel to Antrim.
- 2) If you are worried about bus transport on days where weather is bad, but school is open, Please contact Translink Antrim directly, who can tell you if buses are operational on that Day. The number is 028 94 428729

Deadline for P.1 Applications

Deadline for applications for P.1 is Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 12.00 noon. Application forms available from the school office. (Please remind anyone you know who is making an application).

Sacramental Information for Parents

Parents of children who are in sacramental classes.

Please note the dates of the sacramental meetings, services and sacraments relating to your child. This information has been agreed at Parish level, we hope you find it useful to have the dates this early in the year.

P3	Thur 18 th Jan '18	Penance Parent Meeting – 6.30pm (Parents Only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sat 20 th Jan '18	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE - P.3A & P.3B - 6.30pm Mass	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 21 st Jan '18	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE - P.3C - 12 noon Mass	St Comgall's Church
	THUR 8TH MAR	SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE – 1.30PM	St Comgall's Church
P4	Thur 25 th Jan '18	First Communion Meeting -6.30pm (Parents only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sat 27 th Jan '18	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION - P.4A & P.4B - 6.30pm Mass	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 28 th Jan '18	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION - P.4C - 12 noon Mass	St Comgall's Church
	SAT 19TH MAY '18	SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION – 11AM	St Comgall's Church
P7	Thur 11 th Jan '18	Confirmation parent meeting - 6.30pm (Parents only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sat 13 th Jan '18	Service of Commitment - P.7A & 7C - at 6.30pm Mass (Children and families.)	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 14 th Jan '18	Service of Commitment - P.7B - at 12 noon Mass (Children and families.)	St Comgall's Church
	Wed 7 th Feb '18	Service of Light – 7.00pm	St Comgall's Church
	MON 26TH FEB '18	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – 1PM	St Joseph's Church

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Come and see how we
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Fundraising on

Tue 19th December @ 6.00pm

In

St. Comgall's P.S.

Tea & Coffee and mince pies!

At our AGM you can:

- Meet Fundraising Group members
- Find out what we have achieved during 2016/17
- Find out about our finances during 2016/17
- Indicate if/how you would like to support the Fundraising Group
- Simply enjoy tea and a chat

P.S. We promise to keep it short!

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