

Parent Information Sheet

DECEMBER 2018



Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of
DECEMBER 2018.

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 Wednesday 12th December. Saint Vincent De Paul will collect the hampers on Thursday 13th December 2018



Year 1 Christmas Nativity Shows

P.1B Mrs Mullan Mon 17th Dec at 9.30 – Assembly Hall

P.1A Miss McAllister Tues 18th Dec at 9.30 – Assembly Hall

P.1C Mrs Ntareme Wed 19th 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 17th 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.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS DATES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Non-uniform and half day for Christmas holidays on Friday 21st Dec – **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12pm**, there will be **NO** breakfast club, **NO** tuck or lunches. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE SCHOOL BUS SERVICE AT 12pm FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER.** Extra parking in playground on Friday 21st December 2018.

Children return to school on Monday 7th January 2019!

Wishing you all a Happy & Peaceful Christmas!



School Coats

As our school coats are the same and easily mixed up by the children, it would be a good idea, if possible, to attach a little keyring or ribbon to the zip so children can identify their own coat.

Christmas Party & Jumper Day

Christmas Party Day and Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Thurs 20th 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).



Christmas Gift

This year we will have our annual Christmas Jumper Day on 20th December. We are giving 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 of some new P.E. & Playground equipment. Any donations (via envelope instead of staff gift) will be gratefully received. As always, thank you for your generosity.



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.

Admissions for P.1 – Sept 2019

New Digital Admissions Information

- Parent Portal
- Goes live on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 @ 10 a.m.
- Closes @ 12 midnight on 31st January 2019
- Our school will offer a “Clinic” for Admissions on Wednesday 16th January 2019 from 4 – 5 p.m., to assist parents with the new Admissions Procedure.

Applying for a Pre-School or Primary 1 Place for Your Child for September 2019



Find out more about applying for a place at www.eani.org.uk/admissions



▶ Pre-School

▶ Primary

Find out more information about the pre-schools/schools that you are considering applying for



Read carefully the admission criteria for those you wish to apply to



Complete an application online, listing the pre-schools/schools in order of preference. Ensure this is submitted by **midnight on Thursday 31st January 2019**



If you need help contact your local school or pre-school. For further assistance telephone the Admissions Helpdesk

028 9598 5595



Ensure that you bring your birth certificate and any other verifying information to the **FIRST** preference pre-school/school by **12.00 noon on Friday 8th February 2019**



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 17 th Jan '19	Penance Parent Meeting – 6.30pm (Parents Only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sat 2 nd Feb '19	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE - P.3B & P.3C - 6.30pm Mass	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 3 rd Feb '19	Enrolment Service for SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE - P.3A - 12 noon Mass	St Comgall's Church
	THUR 11TH APRIL '19	SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE – 1.30PM	St Comgall's Church
P4	SAT 11TH MAY '19	SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION – 11AM	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 23 rd June '19	Corpus Christi "Do this in Memory" Masses will take place every 3 rd Sunday of the Month	
P7	Thur 24 th Jan '19	Confirmation parent meeting - 6.30pm (Parents only)	St Joseph's Parish Centre
	Sat 26 th Jan '19	Service of Commitment - P.7A & 7C - at 6.30pm Mass (Children and families.)	St Comgall's Church
	Sun 27 th Jan '19	Service of Commitment - P.7B - at 12 noon Mass (Children and families.) The Service of Light and SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION dates will be forwarded to parents as soon as the Parish is made aware of them from the Bishop's office. This normally happens late in Term 1 (Nov/Dec).	St Comgall's Church