



St.Patrick's Primary School Sway Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This has been another busy week with our Christmas performances and Christmas dinner.

Many thank to you the parents, who have helped the children to learn their words and lines and also provided/ donated costumes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to Jemima Smith and Tiernan O Hagan who helped produce this weeks newsletter.

Hopefully you find our weekly Sway newsletter useful. We aim to give you a snapshot of life in St. Patrick's, while also providing relevant dates and information. If you have any queries please telephone the school office and we will try to help.



Please find the link below for our new school website. Copy the address and paste into your searchbar.

In downloads you can find our recent Curriculum Information Evenings presentations as well as our school policies.

<https://stpatricksrasharkin.com/>

Please find important dates and events below. We will try to give as much notice and information as possible, however there may be times when dates many change, beyond our control.

- **Toast will continue this week, however there will be NO toast on Friday 19th December due to the early closure at 11:30am. Please send £1.20 in a labelled envelope.**
- Monday 15th December: Diane from Healthy Kids Causeway Coast and Glens will be in school for P7(Mrs Mc Closkey's class) to talk about keeping healthy and active.
- Monday 15th December: Mrs Donaghy from the Apostolic Society will be in school to receive a cheque from our recent non-uniform day. Thank you to everyone who donated.

- Healthy Kidz is finished for this term. There will be NO Healthy Kidz on Tuesday for any class.
- Friday 19th December: Pupils finish at 11:30am. This will be a non-uniform day.

IMPORTANT NURSERY DATES:

- **Thursday 18th December:** Nursery finishes for Christmas holidays at 11.00am. (Please note: this is one day before the rest of the school). Wear non-uniform.

Sacraments: More information will follow closer to the time.

- First Confession: P3 Thursday 5th March at 1pm in the Church
- First Holy Communion: P4 Saturday 16th May at 11am
- Confirmation: P7 Friday 24th April at 11am
- Woodhall Residential: Both P7 classes Monday 27th April- 29th April 2026

Everyone enjoyed their delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday, many thanks to Linda and all canteen staff for preparing and organising for the pupils. A special mention of thanks to Santa, who attended and distributed sweets and treats!

















Congratulations to all the AR winners for November from P4-P7.



A big thank you to the Apostolic Society for inviting our choir to perform at the Apostolic Sale last Saturday. The children sang beautifully and brought a wonderful festive spirit to the occasion, making it even more special for everyone who attended. We truly appreciate the opportunity to be part of such a lovely event! Many thanks to Mrs Duffin and Miss Mooney who coordinated the choir.



This was a very busy week with all the Christmas performances taking place. The children were absolutely fantastic and we are very proud of each of them.







Nursery Christmas Show

The Nursery children performed some lovely Christmas songs for their Christmas Show today. After the show they made their very own Crafty Teddy and completed some Christmas crafts with their adult. A well deserved treat for a wonderful group of nursery children









A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for organising the wonderful *Breakfast with Santa* event! Children and adults alike had a fantastic time enjoying a delicious breakfast, writing heartfelt letters to Santa, creating beautiful artwork, getting festive tattoos, making magical reindeer food, and of course, visiting Santa himself. Your hard work and creativity made this a truly memorable experience for everyone!

Breakfast *With* Santa

Message of Thanks from the PTA

The PTA would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our recent Breakfast with Santa event. Your enthusiastic participation helped make the day truly special and memorable for all involved.

It was a joy to see so many children delight in the wide range of festive activities on offer. The little ones had their faces transformed with creative face painting, wrote heartfelt letters to Santa, and proudly sported colourful temporary tattoos and beautifully painted nails. There was great excitement at the reindeer food making station, where children prepared magical treats for Santa's flying helpers, and at the wishing tree, where they hung their wishes for the season. The morning was rounded off with the highlight of the event—a much-anticipated visit to the main man himself, Santa Claus, who brought smiles and laughter to all.

We are deeply grateful to our main sponsors: Apperley's, Europa Foods, Fullan's, McAleese Fruit & Veg & Tesco whose generous support was instrumental in the success of the event, as well as Dunloy Stronger Together who lent us their grotto for the day.

We extend our sincere gratitude to McCloy's, Heavenly Beauty, Randalstown Pharmacy, Cadhla Hair, A&P Engineering, Donaghy's, and The Jet Centre for their generous raffle prize donations. We also wish to acknowledge the ladies in the kitchen for preparing the tasty breakfast baps.

We are grateful to Santa and his elf for joining us and for handing out treats to the children, making each visit to the grotto extra special

Thanks to your incredible generosity and community spirit, we are delighted to announce that a fantastic amount of £1,585 was raised. These funds will go directly towards supporting our school and enriching the experience for all our pupils. Once again, thank you to everyone for your support and for making Breakfast with Santa a wonderful occasion for our school community.



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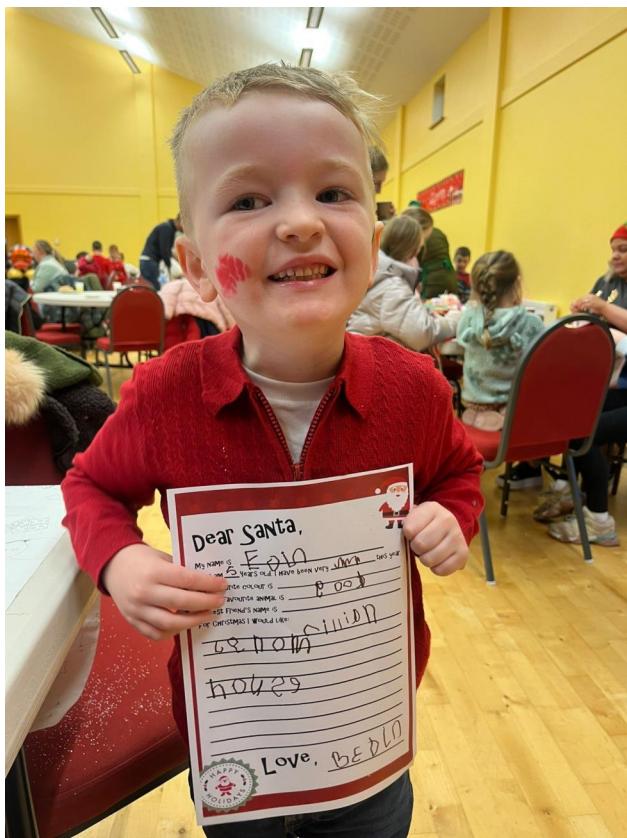














- The Primary Seven classes continue to help in the canteen as canteen monitors . They are doing a wonderful job, well done! Please see the new menu for this month.



EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

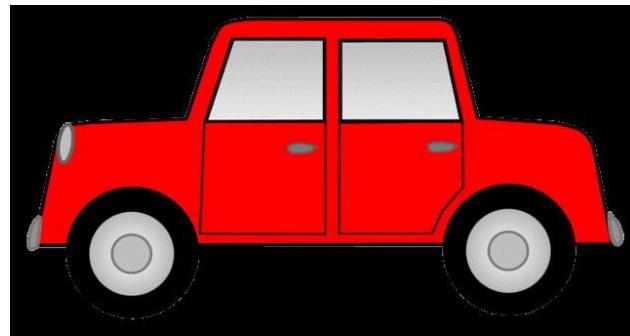


| WEEK BEGINNING | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 3rd November, 1st December, 5th January, 2nd February | Oven-Baked Fish Fingers - Or - Spaghetti Chicken & Rice Garden Peas & Steamed Sweetcorn Chipped Potatoes or Baked Potato Chocolate Mousse & Mandarin Oranges | Brie Bolognese - Or - Homemade Healthy Margherita Pizza with Fresh Salad Steamed Broccoli & Coleslaw Pasta Spirals or Baby Potatoes Apple Sponge & Custard | Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Baked Chicken & Vegetable Wrap with Fresh Salad Bacon Carrots & Garden Peas Steamed Rice or Mashed Potatoes | Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Salmon with a Creamy Dill & Cheese Sauce Fresh Vegetables in Season Over-baked Rice Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes Carrot & Cabbage Slice | Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup - Or - Cheesy Bean Burrito with Fresh Salad Mini Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes or Baked Potato Yoghurt & Chopped Fruit |
| 13th October, 10th November, 8th December, 12th January, 9th February | Oven-baked Fish Goujons with Lemon Mayo - Or - Creamy Garlic Chicken & Mushroom Pasta Diced Carrots & Garden Peas Crispy Herb Baked Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes | Homemade Healthy Margherita Pizza with Fresh Salad Broccoli & Roasted Butternut Squash Mashed Potatoes or Roasted Potato Wedges | Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Garden Peas & Sweetcorn Steamed Rice or Baby Potatoes Chocolate & Pear Sponge Custard | Vegan/vegetarian Pie - Or - Fish Selection of Vegetables in Season Over-baked Rice Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Kale and Raisins | Burguer with Tomato Ketchup - Or - BBQ Pulled Pork and Cheese Panini Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Salad Chipped Potatoes or Baked Potato Strawberry Yoghurt & Chopped Fruit |
| 20th October, 17th November, 15th December, 19th January | Roasted Fish & Chips - Or - Chicken - Or - Hams & Sweetcorn - Or - Sausages & Roasted Fluffy Bacon Berry Crumble & Tart | Homemade Healthy Margherita Pizza with Fresh Salad Chipped Pasta Steamed Broccoli & Coleslaw Over-roasted Potato Wedges or Strawberry Pasta Sosal Mandarin Oranges | Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Breast of Chicken with Gravy Garden Peas & Bacon Carrots Steamed Rice or Mashed Potatoes Homemade Chocolate Brownie & Custard | Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Vegetarian Sausages with Onion Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Over-baked Roast Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes | Southern Fried Chicken Goujon & Salad Wrap with Taco Sauce - Or - Baked Potato with Beef Chilli, Cheddar Mini Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes or Baked Potato Frozen Fruit Smoothie & Fruit Tub |
| 27th October, 24th November, 22nd December, 26th January | Co-op Fish Bites with Mayo Dip Penne Pasta with Roasted Tomato and Red Pepper Sauce Garden Peas, Coleslaw & Carrot Sauces Chipped Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes | Traditional Irish Stew with Wheaten Bread - Or - Oven-baked Pork Sausages | Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread - Or - Roast Chicken Wrapped in Bacon with BBQ Sauce Sweetcorn & Rastafree Steamed Rice or Champ | Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy - Or - Quorn Fillet with Creamy Cajun Sauce Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season Over-baked Rice Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes | Meatball Pizza - Or - Vegetable Nuggets with Tomato Ketchup Sweetcorn, Coleslaw & Salad Chipped Potatoes or Baked Potato Frozen Yoghurt Pot & Melon Wedge |

Wrap-Around Club continues to run throughout the school year for P1-P7 children. It commences at 8:15am and costs £1 per child.

Child Protection

Mrs Mc Fadden is our designated teacher for child protection. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact her.



1 - Please DO NOT park in the bus lanes outside the school in the mornings or evenings. This is extremely dangerous and you may be asked to move. We are very fortunate to have a large car park across the road to avail of.