

December 2023



Dear Parents,

Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of December 2023.

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As we enter into the Holy Season of Advent, the children are busy in many ways preparing for Christmas. We have lots of lovely activities planned for December so it is important to keep an eye on Class Dojo/ Facebook and our school website.

We are so looking forward to our Craft Fair this weekend, thank you to everyone who has supported the Fair so far, and we can't wait to see you, your family and friends on Sunday.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any worries or concerns cmcintyre695@c2kni.net

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Mrs Ciara McIntyre (Principal)



Christmas Dinner Friday 8th December

We would like the children to wear something Christmassy on this day, if they wish, but please do not go to the expense of buying a Christmas jumper!



£ 1 Donation.

This year we would ask that every child donates £1 on Christmas Jumper Day – all donations will go to Charis Cancer Care, Cookstown. Many thanks for your continued support.



Please inform family and friends about our Open Night.

Open Evening



LISSAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 6th December

Principal's Address at 7pm, followed by a tour of the school

For children starting school in September 2024

- Situated 3 miles from Cookstown
- Small class sizes
- Outstanding standards of academic achievement
- Highly qualified and caring staff
- Wide range of extra-curricular opportunities
- Breakfast Club from 8am and After Schools Care to 4:30pm
- Newly installed "state of the art" classrooms with superb ICT Suite and Sensory Room

If the date is not convenient, please do not hesitate to contact us to make alternative arrangements.

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Christmas Craft Fair

With Our Special Guest
Santa Claus

Sunday 3rd December

11:00am-3:00pm

FEATURING:

A wide range of gifts, crafts
and toys.

Tombolas

Tea/Coffee & festive

treats served throughout
the day.

A visit Santa with in his
Magical Grotto

Live Music from;
Peter Loughran



An event for all to ENJOY!

Together we learn, grow and play in God's love and care.

School Holidays

School will close on Friday 22nd December at 11am.

As this is a Non-Operational Day buses WILL NOT operate.

School reopens on Monday 8th January.

Open Enrolment for September 2024

The Education Authority will publish information on their website about the Primary One Admissions procedure and Admissions Procedure and Admissions Criteria for Primary Schools on Tuesday 12th December.

Applications for entry to Primary One are now online and the portal will open on 9th January 2024 at 12 Noon and close on 26th January 2024 at 12 noon.

All information is available on EA website under the admissions section at:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

It is essential to ensure that Supporting documentation (Birth Certificate) is with the school before the portal closes. If you need any additional help, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th December 2023

Mass at 10.00am in St Michael's Church

Mass can be viewed: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-michaels-lissan>



P1/2/3 Christmas Performance

We are delighted to be able to welcome P1/2/3 parents to watch our Early Years Nativity! P1/2/3 will perform on **Thursday 14th December and Friday 15th December at 10am**. We hope to be able to accommodate all parents, but we ask that you contact the school office to let them know which performance you wish to attend. More information will follow on Class Dojo. I am sure it will be a superb show!

Christmas Carol Service

We would like to invite all the parents, families and friends to attend our **Christmas Carol Service in St. Michael's Church**
on **Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm**



Christmas Tests and Evaluation of Learning



Evaluation Weeks 12th November – 8th December

It is important that all pupils are in school over the next two weeks in order for teachers can complete evaluations. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monday 8th January 2023 P3 stay to 3pm

In Term 2 onwards, Monday 8th January, P3 will remain in school everyday until 3pm.

Cash for Clobber Collection

In perfect time for a Christmas clear out, we are participating in a clothes recycling programme called Cash for Clobber in conjunction with Cookstown Textile Recyclers.

The Eco-Warriors are asking for all used and unwanted clothes in bags, to be left into the school on or before Friday 19th January 2024. These quality reusable items are exported to developing countries, including sub-Saharan Africa and Pakistan. It is also a great way to raise money for our school as we receive money linked directly to the weight of clothes we collect.

As well as clothes, we can also accept shoes (pairs only), handbags and belts. Duvets and pillows cannot be reused for hygiene reasons.

Thank you so much in advance for supporting this initiative. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

ACCEPTED ITEMS	UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
CLOTHING – Menswear, <u>ladieswear</u> , <u>childrenswear</u> . Paired shoes (tie laces to keep them paired) Bags Hats & Scarves Ties Belts Curtains Bed Linen (sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)	No BRIC 'a' BRAC No Dirty/Wet Clothing No single shoes No Bedding/cushions No Mats/Carpets





We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Thank you for all your support and kindness in 2023.



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