

# December 2022



Dear Parents,

Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of December 2022.

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I would like to thank all the parents, family and friends who joined us on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the special Mass "In November we Remember" when we remembered our dead. It was so well attended, and the children participated beautifully. Thank you.

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 and our school website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any worries or concerns [cmcintyre695@c2kni.net](mailto:cmcintyre695@c2kni.net)

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*Mrs Ciara McIntyre* (Principal)



## Christmas Dinner Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 tell family and friends about our Open Night!**

The poster for Lissan Primary School's Open Evening features a blue background with a large white cross. The cross is divided into four quadrants, each containing a different school-related icon: a pencil and paper, a book, a stack of books, and a stack of books. The text 'LISSAN PRIMARY SCHOOL' is in white and yellow, and 'OPEN EVENING' is in large white letters. The date and time are 'Tuesday 13th December 6-7pm' and the purpose is 'For children starting school in September 2023'. A list of school features is provided, along with contact information for Mrs Ciara McIntyre, Principal.

**LISSAN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
OPEN  
EVENING**

**Tuesday 13th December 6-7pm**  
*For children starting school in September 2023*

- Situated 3 miles from Cookstown
- Small class sizes
- High standards of academic achievement
- Highly qualified and caring staff
- Wide range of extra-curricular opportunities
- Breakfast Club and After Schools Care

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

**Mrs Ciara McIntyre**  
**Principal**

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## **School Holidays**

School will close on Thursday 22nd December at 11am. As this is a Non-Operational Day bus WILL NOT operate.

**School reopens on Monday 9th January.**

# Open Enrolment for September 2023

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 13th December.

Applications for entry to Primary One are now online and the portal will open on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 12 Noon and close on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 12 noon.

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

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

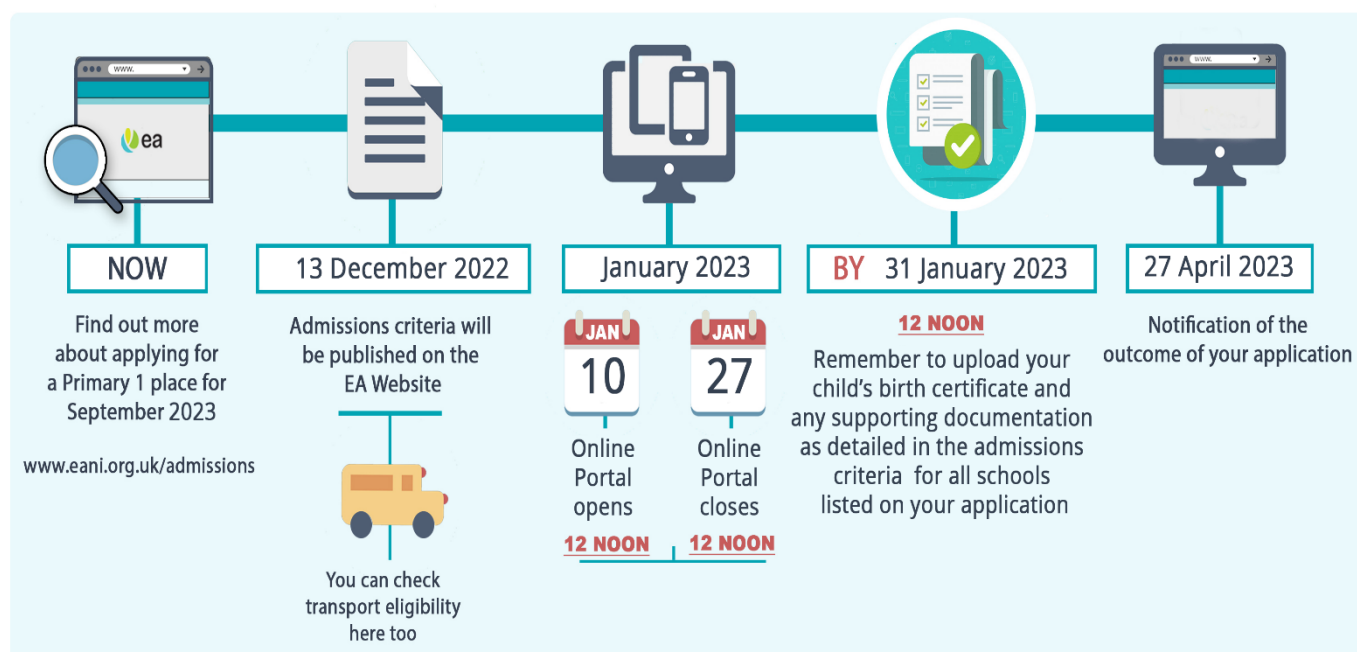
It is essential to ensure that Supporting documentation (Birth Certificate) is with the school before the portal closes. If you need any additional help, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



## KEY DATES FOR PARENTS – APPLYING FOR PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION – SEPTEMBER 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019 are compulsory school age in September 2023

Children born on or between 2 July 2019 and 1 July 2020 can apply for a place in a reception class



# Lissan Primary School Council

One of the most important things for us as a school council is to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Last year you may remember, in the lead up to Christmas we took part in the shoebox appeal which helped provide Christmas gifts for children in deprived areas of Europe.

This year we have decided to help the local charity 'Halo Helping Hands', who help people in our local area. **But in order for us to this we need your help.**

We are organising a toy drive and asking you to give donate your toys and give them a second life.

## What toys can you donate?

You can donate:

Board Games

Dolls

Lego

Stuffed Toy Animals

Teddies

Jigsaws (but make sure there are no missing pieces)

Toy cars

Farm animals



Please help us help our local community.

Thank you

The School Council



## ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***

*8<sup>th</sup> December*

*Mass at 10am*

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



### P1/2/3 Christmas Show

We are delighted to be able to welcome the parents back into school to watch our Early Years Nativity! P1/2/3 will perform on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**. We hope to be able to accommodate all parents, but we ask that you contact the class teachers to let them know which performance you intend to attend. 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 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm**



## **Christmas Tests and Evaluation of Learning**



### **Evaluation Week 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**It is important that all pupils are in school on the week of 12<sup>th</sup> December so teachers can complete evaluations. Thank you for your cooperation.**

### **Shared Education Partnership with Gaelscoil Eoghain and Donaghey PS**

We are delighted that we are now able to resume our Shared Education Project which was paused due to Covid. The project will kick off with a visit (P1/2/3) to Donaghey PS on 9<sup>th</sup> December to watch their Christmas Show. P4/5/6 and 7 will be involved in collaborative learning in Term 2 and Term 3.



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

## *Car Parking (Building Work)*

The building work on our school site has commenced and over the next few months there will be an increase in traffic around the school. We have asked the builders and electricians to park at the Church carpark whenever possible. There will be times that they need to get closer to the site to move material in and out and they will need to use the parking bays at the school gates.

We ask that for your cooperation and patience during the building work. Please continue to use the Church carpark when you are collecting children. Again, it is important that everyone shows consideration of others around them to ensure that our pupils' safety is always of paramount importance.

The work is scheduled to be completed (both mobile classrooms in place) by the end of March 2023.

Thank you.



***9<sup>th</sup> January P3 say to 3pm***

*In Term 2 onwards (9<sup>th</sup> January) P3 stay in school to 3pm.*

# Cash for Clobber Collection

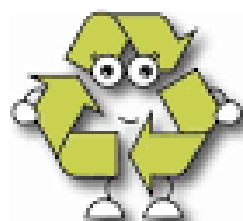
*In perfect time for a Christmas clear out, we are participating in a clothes recycling programme called Cash for Clobber in conjunction with Cookstown Textile Recyclers.*

*The Eco-Warriors are asking for all used and unwanted clothes in bags, to be left into the school on or before Friday 20th January. 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.*

## Start packing your bags...



Please place your items for recycling in a black bag, which can be left into either campus during our clothing collection week **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

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



*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 2022.*



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