# St. Jarlath's Journal

## "Finding success in every child"

### **DECEMBER**

Dinner Money for December is £36.40 for those who wish to pay monthly. Reminder:

All dinner monies must be paid in advance.

P1 - P3: Snack money due at £4 per pupil.

#### New P1 pupils

If your child reaches their  $4^{th}$  birthday on/before  $\underline{1^{st}}$  July 2019 they will start P1 next year. EA has moved to an online application process this year which will be open between  $2^{nd}$  and  $31^{st}$  January.

Prospective parents and children are invited to view the school on <u>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</u> between 6:00pm and 7:00pm to see our facilities and meet the staff. Please spread the word among new families.

#### Sick pupils

May we remind parents that if your child is vomiting they should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness. This is to prevent spreading the virus to other pupils and staff.

#### Amendment to severe weather policy

In the event of the school having to close due to severe weather all parents will be contacted by text and a note placed on the website. It is therefore very important that the school record for mobile phones is up to date. If you have not been receiving texts this term you need to let the school know and provide an alternative number.

#### "Santa Stroll" day for school funds.

Our school council has organised a Crazy Christmas Jumper to school day for **Thursday 20**<sup>th</sup> **December** in order to raise some money for school funds. We know you have all been very generous with the Christmas Shoe Box appeal but we ask you to try and support our pupils in their efforts. The Santa Stroll will begin with a walk from the Church Car Park at 8:45am. £2 **per pupil**. PSG will be there to provide hot drinks to adults.

### School website: <a href="https://www.stjarlathsp.com">www.stjarlathsp.com</a> sponsored by PIER (UK)

We encourage all parents to use the school website to check out dates for clubs, trips etc and important notices. Thank you to Sean and Majella (PIER (UK) ) for sponsoring this important avenue of communication for this year.

#### P1 World Around US Trip

P1 pupils will travel to Ranfurly House in Dungannon on Wednesday  $5^{th}$  December to explore "Old Time Toys".

#### School Defibrillator

Thanks to a donation from Mr Philip Hughes (Ethan's dad) we have ordered a defibrillator for school which will have both adult and paediatric pads. Thank you to Philip for his kind donation.

#### Term 2 After School Clubs

Monday: Burns Basketball P1 to P7, £30 for 10 weeks https://www.burnsskillsschool.com/book-online

Tuesday: Cross Country, P4 to P7: 15th January to 12th February

Wednesday: Burns Soccer School, P1 to P7, £30 for 10 weeks

https://www.burnsskillsschool.com/book-online

#### Free Microsoft Office

Each child in school can download Microsoft Office on up to 5 devices for free at home. Contact school for details.

#### Christmas Events

Tuesday  $11^{th}$ : P1,2 and 3 Christmas Plays, 10am and 6pm in Parochial Hall. Entrance fee: £5.

Wednesday 12th: New P1 Information Evening, 6 - 7pm

Thursday  $13^{th}$ : Christmas Dinner: School ends at 1pm for all pupils. We have an option to have the bus come early; those pupils who use this service will have to pay £1 to cover the cost of the early collection.

Thursday 20th: Santa Stroll. £2 donation to school funds.

#### Parent Support Group Christmas Cracker Competition

Each child is asked to bring an empty cling film/tin foil/kitchen roll/toilet roll holder to school to design and enter our Christmas Cracker Competition. Entry is £1 and there will be a prize per class.

#### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served in school on **Thursday 13th December**. All pupils are encouraged to take dinner on this day; price £2.60. School will end for all pupils at **1pm** on this day to allow staff to eat their dinner together.

#### School closures

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** School closes at <u>1pm</u> for ALL pupils. (After Christmas Dinner)

School will end at 11:30am on Friday 21st December for the Christmas break.

School

reopens for pupils on Tuesday 8th January 2019.



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The staff of St. Jarlath's P.S. would like to wish all our families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your support in 2018; we look forward to continuing to work with you and your children in 2019.