



Dear Parents

20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

UPCOMING DATES AND REMINDERS: -

P1/3 will walk to the post office to post their **Santa letters on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.**

Our pupils in the School Council have arranged to hold a **Toy Sale** in school on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.** If you wish to donate to this, please send in any preloved toys or books to school before Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>. All pupils will have the opportunity during the day to purchase from the stalls. Toys £1, books 50p. Please send in correct change. All proceeds will go to our chosen charity of the year, Cancer Fund for Children.

We are participating in the **Christmas Tree Festival** organised by St Johns Parish Church, Caledon. The festival runs from **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.** Please see attached leaflet with details.

**P6/7 class** have been invited to attend a **Carol Service in St Marks Armagh on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** This will be during school hours. School will cover the cost of the bus. Please ensure pupils are in full school uniform (no PE kit). The service will be from 10am – 11:30am and is open to everyone so please feel free to attend. Pupils may bring money for church collection which is in aid of Cancer Fund for Children.

All pupils will take part in the **Santa Daily Mile** around the school grounds on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** after lunch. We ask that they bring Christmas hats / hair bands – please ensure headgear plus all school uniform are labelled.

**P1 Open Morning is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10am** for prospective pupils. The children will participate in an outdoor play session while parents will have a short presentation in the assembly hall, followed by refreshments and a tour of the school. Please advise any friends/family/neighbours who you think would be interested.

Pupils are busy rehearsing for our big school production, **The Jungle Book.** We will have two performances, one on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm** in the Church Hall. Booking is essential. Tickets are available via parent pay. All costumes should be in school by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Due to the performance on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, we will close school at 1pm** (no afterschool clubs). Pupils should aim to be in the Church Hall by 6:30pm for Thursday evenings performance.

Our current **PTA fundraiser is a Christmas Hamper Raffle.** Tickets are currently available via parent pay. The raffle will be drawn after our Jungle Book finale.

**Week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December is non uniform.** Class parties will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Our pupils in School Council have arranged for a **Christmas Jumper day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December,** £1 donation will be payable via parent pay with proceeds going to 'Cancer Fund for Children'.

School Dinner on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** will be a **Christmas Party Food Box.**

We also wish to remind parents of our **Healthy Break** policy. Pupils should only have water or milk in their drink bottles (no juice allowed) and must have a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables for break. We relax this rule on a Friday where snacks such as pancakes and yoghurts are allowed.

Finally, our foundation stage Class Assistant (SEN) **Conor McCrea is leaving us, with his final day is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** and we wish him every success on his new job.

School closes for Christmas break on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11am. We hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to returning on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for term 2!

Please see our calendar on website and SchoolsNI app to keep up to date with all upcoming events  
<https://www.killyleaps.com/parents/calendar/>

Yours Sincerely

*P. Lowry*

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, CALEDON.

# Christmas Tree Festival

**Thursday 30th November 2023**  
1.00pm - 9.00pm    Teas 2pm - 6.30pm  
Opening Service @ 7.00pm

**Friday 1st December 2023**  
12 noon - 9.00pm    Teas 12 noon - 7pm  
An evening of Christmas Music @ 7.30pm

**Saturday 2nd December 2023**  
10.00am - 9.00pm    Teas 10am - 6pm  
Santa's Grotto 10am - 6pm

**Sunday 3rd December 2023**  
11.00am - 7.00pm    Teas 2pm - 6pm  
Closing Service @ 7pm | Santa's Grotto 2pm - 5pm

For group catering or further information please contact:  
**07909 985 813** or **028 3754 8490** or **07849 963 506**

Proceeds to St. John's Parish Church Repair Fund,  
NI Air Ambulance & Southern Area Hospice.

