



## Parents you are warmly invited to our Christmas Concerts

Year 1	Wednesday 10 December at 1.15p.m.
Year 2	Thursday 11 December at 1.15p.m.
Year 3	Friday 12 December at 1.15p.m.
Nursery	Tuesday 16 December at 12.45pm & 1.15pm
Year 4	Wednesday 17 December at 1.45p.m.

*Performances will take place in the school Assembly Hall*

**Yr 5 – 7 Carol Service** Friday 19 December at 11am in St. Brigid's church.

*All parents and parishioners are welcome to attend. Some light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after, courtesy of the PTA.*

**Orchestra Recital** Monday 22 December at 2 p.m. in the school Assembly Hall

## Christmas Vacation

School will close on **Tuesday 23 December** at 12 noon for all pupils (Nursery 11.45 p.m.) and will re-open on Wednesday 7 January 2015 for all pupils.

*Please note no meals will be served on Monday 22 or Tuesday 23 December as kitchen staff finish on Friday 19 December*

## Nursery Enrolment 2015

Application Forms and Information Booklets are available for collection from the school office.

Closing date **Wednesday 14 January 2015 before 12 noon.**

## Primary One Enrolment 2015

Application Forms and Information Booklets are available for collection from the school office.

Closing date **Wednesday 14 January 2015 before 12 noon.**

## Open Day

**There will be a meeting for prospective parents of children for Nursery and Yr 1 on Thursday 18 December at 2.30pm in the school assembly hall.**

## Legion of Mary Christmas Appeal

We would like to support the Legion of Mary Morning Star and Regina Coeli House appeal. Both of these support homeless men and women. It is important to be able to provide the homeless with a happy family atmosphere at Christmas. The charity has asked for donations of the following, if possible.

**New** : Men's and women's Winter clothing, socks, underwear, night wear  
Fleeces, jeans, jumpers, coats and slippers  
Toiletries, bath sets, makeup, jewellery  
Food Hampers , Non-perishable food items Books, Board games

Please leave donations with the class teacher or at the office between **Friday 5 December and Tuesday 16 December**. Thank you.

## PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to our hard working PTA for yet another successful Christmas Fair and to the parents who supported by sending in contributions. I hope all our children and parents enjoyed the fun.

## Parent Governor Election

Mrs Caroline Agnew has been elected Parent Governor. I thank all parents for their interest in this election both in numbers of parents willing to stand for election and also for the high number of votes returned.

## Third World Group in St Bride's

The school is developing links with St Brigid's Third World Group and during this year we will be raising funds to help build wells for communities in Nkhota, Malawi. The children in Years 4 & 5 attended a special Assembly and were moved by a presentation given by representatives of the Third World Group and Rev Jim Campbell who showed a video of the region where the wells are to be built. The children are keen to help the children in this region and are looking forward to coming up with fund raising activities.

## Health & Safety in and around the school grounds

- I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the importance of safety when dropping children off to school. In the interests of the children's safety, may I remind you **not** to park on the footpaths on Windsor Ave and Derryvolgie Ave, to leave the entrances to the school clear and to observe the "No Parking" yellow lines. **These are now legally enforceable and tickets will be issued by police and wardens.** The times of the restricted parking are on display on the road signs. Parents have informed me that it is becoming increasingly difficult for parents with push chairs, especially double buggies, to walk safely along the footpath when parents pull on to the kerb, so I would ask you to bear this in mind. At busy times I would ask parents to be patient.
- Parents are asked **not** to use the staff car parks for parking or access or to park in spaces at the front of the Barnardos offices along Windsor Avenue (these are private).
- Children should enter the premises through the pedestrian gates and **not the staff car parks** and use the Patrolman at all times. If any pupil needs to leave the school during the normal school day, for medical or other reasons, parents are asked to send a note to the class teacher and have the child collected from the classroom by a responsible adult. No child may leave school without these procedures being followed.

**On behalf of the Staff**

**may I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year**

**See you on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January!**

