

EDUCATION AUTHORITY – SOUTHERN REGION

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Thursday 16th November 2023

Dear Parent

Baarmy Bethlehem Nativity Play

As indicated in previous correspondence, the P1 – P4 Christmas performance – ‘Baarmy Bethlehem’ will be held in the school assembly hall on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 10.00am. The main focus will be on the Primary 1–4 pupils, however all P1-P7 pupils will be singing. There will also be singing musical instalments from our instrumentalists and the traditional group.

Every family will have an allocation of up to three tickets. There will be no charge for the tickets, however a voluntary collection will be taken with money going towards our costs. If you would like tickets, please complete the online form (see link below) by 2.45pm on Tuesday 21st November. Tickets will be sent home with your youngest child on Wednesday 22nd November. If you require an additional ticket, please complete the relevant section on the form. *The additional ticket will also be sent home if available along with your allocation.* Additional tickets will be made available to the families of Primary 1 pupils, followed by families of Primary 2 pupils ... up to families of Primary 7 pupils in that order. Please note, we cannot permit buggies inside the assembly hall. Please contact me if you are likely to require assistance. Parking will be available at the Congregational Church with entry available to the school grounds via a side gate.

It is our intention to serve tea and coffee at the play. Please contact me if you are available to set up and serve tea/coffee. Children from local pre-schools will be attending the Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday 5th December. Again, we would appreciate some help that morning to serve tea/coffee to visiting staff and provide juice and biscuits for the children.

If you or a family member cannot make it to the nativity play on the 6th December or you would like to experience a second viewing, you are very welcome to come along to an informal showing of the nativity play on Thursday 7th December at 10.00am. The P5-P7 children will not be involved as they will be out on a trip. Please just turn up – no ticket required.

Link for tickets - <https://forms.office.com/e/d2DMZa0MPZ>

Open Day for P1 pupils entering September 2024

An open day for P1 pupils (new families only) entering school in September 2024, will take place on Monday 11th December, 3.00pm – 8.00pm. This is by appointment only. If you know of any parent who would like to view the school, please encourage them to contact us. This can be done by e-mailing me - sharrison687@c2ken.net or phone the school on 028 87748267. We are asking that new families only, make an appointment.

If you currently have children attending the school and you have another child due to start P1 in September 2024, you are invited along with your child to drop into school on Monday 15th January 2024 between 9.30am and 10.30am. You will have the opportunity to view the P1 classroom and meet the teachers.

Key dates for admissions:

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Principal: Mr S Harrison, BSSc, PGCE, PQH (NI).

Admissions criteria for Primary schools published on the EA website.

Tuesday 09 January 2024 - 12 noon

EA Connect portal opens for online applications for Reception and Primary 1.

Friday 26 January 2024 - 12 noon

EA Connect portal closed for online applications for Reception and Primary 1.

Wednesday 31 January 2024 – 4pm

Deadline for submitting verification/supporting documents via EA Connect. Final date for Late paper applications.

Thursday 25 April 2024

Notification of outcome of application.

Donaghey Parents' Association (DPA) Meeting

The DPA met on Wednesday 8th November. Please note, the PJ day will take place on Friday 8th December, not Friday 17th November as intended. More details to follow.

Other DPA events:

- Children's Christmas Party/Disco – Evening of Tuesday 19th December 2023. More details to follow.
- Family Quiz – Evening of Thursday 8th February 2024. More details to follow.

Other

- The final multi-sport session for this term will be on Thursday 30th November with the final after school football practice for this term on Monday 4th December. The Garden Club will stop after the session on Wednesday 6th December. **There will be no Gardening Club on Wednesday 22nd November. It will resume on Wednesday 29th November.** Details regarding term two after-school sports will be made available in due course.
- Tri-County Football tournament – Friday 17th November. Please take a note of the times from the permission letter regarding meet and pick-up times.
- P5/P6 trip to Cookstown Leisure Centre – Thursday 23rd November. Details can be found in the payments section of the app.
- Stars of the Month Assembly for November – Friday 1st December, 1.15pm. All parents and family members welcome. This will also be a non-uniform day. Please donate £1.00 per child. All proceeds will go to the DPA.
- P5-P7 choir will be singing at Desertcreat Parish Church Hall on Sunday 3rd December at 1.30pm and at the Sandholes Community Carol Service on Thursday 7th December. Please let us know if your child is available by completing the form in the following link by 9am on Friday 17th November.
<https://forms.office.com/e/n3GbN0LQa8>
- Reminder - the online payment form including the trip details for the P5-P7 trip to the Grand Opera House on Thursday 7th December is available. Details regarding a P1-P4 trip to the cinema will be released in the very near future.
- Irwin Speirs Memorial XC Acorns AC (Cross Country) – Saturday 9th December. Details have been forwarded to the parents of our P5-P7 children. Please enter your child as soon as possible.
- Open Day – Monday 11th December. See details above.
- Community Christmas Breakfast – Monday 18th December, starting at 8.00am. More details to follow.
- School will close for the Christmas holiday on Thursday 21st December 2023 at 11.30am. The bus will run at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Harrison (Principal)