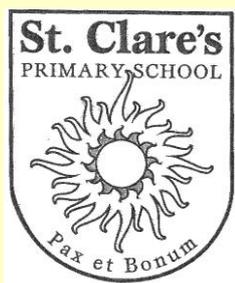


St. Clare's Primary School Newsletter

Mr. O'Doherty, Principal



December 2018

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Dear Parents,
Welcome to the Christmas edition of our school newsletter. You will find details of all Christmas events in the school and charities we have chosen to support this year.
On behalf of all the staff of St. Clare's, I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

C. O'Doherty, Principal.

Open Days



St Clare's Nursery will host an Open Day on Monday 3rd December all Day.

Parents of next year's Primary 1 pupils are invited to our annual Open Day on Friday 7th December 9.30am.

If you are unable to attend please contact the school, where an alternative date can be arranged.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Friday 21st December -
School Closed at 12.00 noon
Please note that the canteen will be closed for breakfast, break and Dinner on this date.

(3rd and 4th January 2019 -
Exceptional Closure - staff training days)
School reopens for children on Monday 7th January 2019 for a full school day

Christmas Ballot

St. Clare's Annual Christmas Draw will take place on Fri 14th December.

The prizes this year are

1st prize - £100 voucher for Smyth's Toy Store

2nd prize - Christmas Hamper

3rd prize - £40.00

4th prize - Christmas Turkey

Tickets are 25p each or 5 for £1.00. It would be appreciated if all ballots could be returned promptly.

More ballots available on request

Christmas Nativity Events



Primary 1 and Primary 2 classes present 'A King is Born' on Tues 11th December at 9.30 am. The service takes place in the assembly hall. On Thursday 13th Primary 3 -4 classes will present 'Lights, Camel, Action!' at 9.30 a.m. also in the school hall.

Entrance to both events is £1 per person and all parents, grandparents and family members are invited to attend to support their children.

P5-7 will also perform a carol service in St Paul's Church on Tuesday 18th December at 1.30.

Everyone Welcome!



On Friday 14th December St Clare's pupils and teachers will be taking part in a fundraising day in aid of the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children. We are inviting everyone to wear a Christmas jumper in return for a donation to this great charity. Don't have a Christmas jumper? No problem! Just wrap some tinsel around yourself or wear a Christmas hat. But be sure to take part!



West Belfast Schools Carol Service
The pupils and teacher's choirs, from St Clare's will perform with schools from around West Belfast in St Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday 5th of December at 7.00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come long to what promises to be a great night!

'Christmas Charities'

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their generous donations so far and to remind everyone that we are still collecting non-perishable food and new clothes and men's toiletries for our chosen charities until Friday 7th December

Trips, Visits & Assembly



P5-7 to the Lyric Pantomime on Thursday 6th December
P1 & 2 Visit Winter Wonderland on Wednesday 12th December

P7 Assembly Thursday 20th December at 10.00a.m.

All parents of the above classes are welcome to come along and visit their children's classroom afterwards.

Carol Singing December 2018



P7 take part in a Carol Service with St Louise's pupils in Clonard Monastery on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30 p.m.
Please come along and support our pupils.

St Clare's school choir will perform at a range of venues in December.

Monday 17th - Cullingtree House

Wednesday 19th - Kennedy Centre in the morning and Our Lady's Old People's Home in the afternoon.

Christmas Dinner



Christmas dinner will be served in the canteen on Wednesday 5th December

Eco Schools



This Christmas please remember to recycle your Christmas cards. All the main supermarkets have recycling bins for cards.

End of the Day

Unless there are some exceptional circumstances, would all parents please inform their children before school of the arrangements in place for going home each day at 2.00 or 3.00 p.m.
Many thanks