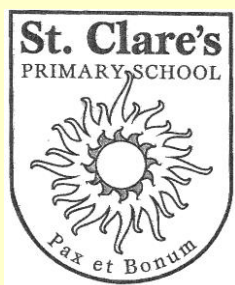


St. Clare's Primary School Newsletter

Mr. O'Doherty, Principal



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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 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.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School Closes on Friday 18th December 2020 at 3.00 p.m.

School reopens for children on Wednesday 6th January 2021 for a full school day

Open Day

Please note that Open Day 2021 will take place online for both Nursery and primary school. Log on to www.stclareps.com Registration for both schools will open in January

Christmas Jumper Day



Friday 11th December is Christmas Jumper Day in St Clare's. Pupils are asked to bring in £1 for Save the Children on this day. Many thanks for your continued charitable support at this time of the year. Lets make Friday the festive and colourful day of the year so far!!.

Cross-Community Music Event




On Wednesday 9th December St Clare's Primary 6 pupils linked up with Springfield Primary for a joint music session celebrating Christmas pudding! The event facilitated by MUMO encouraged co-operation and joint enterprise. Thanks go to Ann McCambridge for facilitating the sessions.


Mass Celebrated in St Clare's



Tuesday 8th December was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to go to the parish church of St Paul's. Happily, through the use of technology Father Devlin was able to celebrate the Mass in each classroom on the day. You can still see the mass by logging into churchservicestv and looking for churches in Co. Antrim and press St Paul's.



**Pre-School and
Primary School Online
Admissions take place online**



**The Online Portal will open
on 7 January 2021 and
close on 29 January**

Regularly updated information and guidance
will be provided to parents by the EA and
schools over the coming weeks and months

For help and advice, parents/ guardians can contact our Admissions Helpdesk via
emails: preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk or primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

Registration for Nursery and P1

We can't emphasize how important it is to be aware of the registration dates for P1 and Nursery for September 2021. Mr O'Doherty will be available on the first day back after the Christmas break to help with the administration of this. If there is any one in your family or friendship grouping who has a child ready to begin either nursery or P1, please ask them to log into our virtual open day on our website at www.stclaresps.com. Here you will see our prospectus for the school and unit, you will be able to take virtual 3D tours of the nursery unit and primary, there is a video made by our pupils and lots of other useful information about the unit and the school.

It is vitally important, especially for the nursery unit, that you do not miss the closing date as your registration would be deemed a late submission and the criteria set would not apply. The Nursery Unit is always oversubscribed so it is in the interests of all parents to ensure that you are ready to register as early in January as possible.

Carol Singing December 2020



As you can imagine the opportunity to perform in public has been nonexistent this year because of Covid. So we are bringing the music to you instead. Over the coming days class teachers will be uploading videos of Christmas style performances and some will make their way to our website too. Our P6A have already recorded the classic carol 'Still, Still, Still' and this is being used for the online West Belfast Carol Service which will go live on Friday evening. P7's will be recorded this week in order to provide music for the Christmas Eve vigil mass which will be broadcast on Church Services TV from 6.00pm on 24th December.

Charity Donations



Just look at the amount of food which our Nursery Pupils have gathered for the foodbank. It filled Mrs McLoughlin's car!! Thank you so much for your generosity.

Hampers



Just look at the generosity from our classroom assistants. They have donated their secret santa money and worked tirelessly to gather donations in order to raffle these magnificent hampers off to each class in the school. We thank also Mrs Brennan for her work in assisting in diverting help to the needy at this time. We are lucky to have such a wonderful group of CAs who go above and beyond every time.

Christmas Dinner



Christmas dinner was held on 3rd December 2020. All the kids really enjoyed it. Many thanks to all the staff involved, in particular the kitchen staff who provided the most delicious meal



Eco Schools

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

MUMO Project

Remember to keep up to date with family and parent events on offer at Forthspring by logging on to the MUMO and the Friends of St Clare's facebook pages.