

## Education Authority Western Region

### STRABANE CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1st December 2021



**Principal Mrs C Thompson**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

As we enter into the winter season and the month of December, I want to begin by expressing thanks to all of you for your continued vigilance and support as we monitor signs and symptoms, conduct testing regimes and endure periods of isolation due to many viruses and bugs going around all schools at this time. Please continue to maintain contact with school informing us if your child is unwell, and what is causing their sickness. Please be reminded that the common **diarrhoea and vomiting bug requires a period of 48 hours from the last episode** before sending your child back to school thus ensuring that staff and pupils are protected from the spread of this bug.

(I have attached reminder of the PHA guidance regarding common illnesses.)

#### **Christmas Cards**

In order to allow the children to enjoy the giving and receiving of cards, I ask that all pupils who wish to give cards, bring them to school beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December through to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. The cards will then be given out daily to pupils via our Christmas postage box system and can be taken home. If you do not wish your child to bring home their Christmas cards, please inform the school.

#### **Christmas Dinner**

This year Christmas dinner will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If your child wishes to take Christmas dinner on that day, please ensure that you send £2.60 in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. This can be paid in advance and will help us to gauge numbers.

#### **Christmas Raffle**

Children will be able to enter the Christmas Raffle this year again. The raffle was very successful last year and was a source of great excitement for our pupils.

There will be three hampers;

- Nursery, P1, P1/2, P2/3, P3/4 and
- P4/5, P5, P6 and P7.

The raffle is £1 per line. Please send your raffle money to school with your child and they will be allocated a number for the draw. These tickets will be kept in school until the draw takes place. The hamper will run from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. A selection box will also be raffled for one prize winner in every class. Thank you for your

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support and we hope the children and you enjoy the excitement of the draws! The winners will be shared on our school website and via our App.

### **Pantomime**

Last year we compiled a Singalong recording to create and experience and memories for our pupils during Covid-19. This year we are working hard to produce a prerecorded pantomime entitled 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We very much look forward to bringing back the Panto alongside giving our pupils opportunities to embrace acting and singing on stage whilst boosting their confidence and self-esteem.

More information about the DVDs will follow soon. Please be reminded that you have already provided consent for the DVD recording unless indicated otherwise on our 'Consent Form for photographs and Footage'.

If you do not wish your child to be recorded in the DVD, please indicate this on the consent form attached and return to school by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal**

Firstly, we wish to thank everyone who contributed a shoe box or items towards a shoebox for our 'Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal'. As a school we donated a remarkable total of 64 shoeboxes from school directly and 18 online. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this appeal.

### **Traffic Management, morning arrival and home time**

Please continue to be mindful of safety in our school carpark by reducing your speed to 5 mph and manoeuvring with caution whilst on school premises. The Board of Governors continue to press EA on the works which are proposed to control the flow of traffic as well as increase car parking spaces.

Arrival to school in the morning is between 8.45am – 9.05am. There is a 5 minute window for the entry of classes into school until 9.10am. After 9.10am, registers are taken and your child will be marked as late if they arrive after this time. It is important that children arrive to school on time to enable their school day to begin with their peers. If your child repeatedly arrives late to school in the morning, you will be contacted to discuss reasons why.

An increasing number of children are walking from school for collection by parents at another location. Please ensure that the class teacher is aware of these arrangements and that children walking, adhere to strict Road safety guidance and behaviour when leaving the school premises.

### **Parent contributions**

A sincere word of thanks to everyone who contributed to the PTA school funds by sending in a voluntary contribution. This money is vital in enabling our school to purchase resources we would not normally be able to afford. This year, using PTA funds, we hope to purchase new laptops to enhance our ICT suite from 14 workstations to 19.

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### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Santa Mile

This Friday our school will take part in The Daily Mile, Santa Mile. Pupils should come to school wearing warm clothes and coats for the walk.

### Christmas Holidays

School and Nursery **will close half day**, 11.45 - 12 noon, on Tuesday 21st December 2021. School dinners are optional that day but will be served between 11.45am-12.15pm for anyone who wishes. School and Nursery will reopen on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### Dates for January 2022

Term 2

- School is planned to reopen for pupils on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 EA Admissions portal **opens for Nursery** applications for September 2022
- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 EA Admissions portal **closes for Nursery** applications for September 2022
- 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 EA Admissions portal **opens for P1** applications for September 2022
- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 EA Admissions portal **closes for P1** applications for September 2022

May I take this opportunity to sincerely wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas with your families.

*C. Thompson*

Mrs. C Thompson  
Principal

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# Do I need to keep my child off school?

## Chicken Pox

Until all spots  
have crusted  
over

## Conjunctivitis

No need to stay  
off but school  
or nursery  
should be  
informed

## Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from  
last episode

## Glandular Fever

No need to stay  
off but school  
or nursery  
should be  
informed

## Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay  
off but school  
or nursery  
should be  
informed

## Impetigo

Until lesions are  
crusted & healed or  
48 Hours after  
commencing  
antibiotics

## Measles or German Measles

4 days from  
onset of rash

## Mumps

5 days from  
onset of swelling

## Scabies

Until after first  
treatment

## Scarlet Fever

24 hours after  
commencing  
antibiotics

## Slapped Cheek

No need to stay  
off but school  
or nursery  
should be  
informed

## Whooping Cough

48 Hours after  
commencing  
antibiotics

## Flu

Until  
recovered

## Head Lice

No need to stay  
off but school  
or nursery  
should be  
informed

## Threadworms

No need to stay  
off but school  
or nursery  
should be  
informed

## Tonsillitis

No need to stay  
off but school  
or nursery  
should be  
informed

# PRIMARY CHRISTMAS DINNER



**PRICE: £2.60**



ROAST TURKEY, STUFFING,  
COCKTAIL SAUSAGES, PEAS,  
BATON CARROTS,  
MASHED & OVEN BAKED ROAST  
POTATOES & TURKEY GRAVY  
(SPECIAL DIETS WILL BE CATERED  
FOR)

DESSERT OF THE DAY  
CARTON OF ORANGE/APPLE JUICE



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**STRABANE CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**CONSENT FORM FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND FOOTAGE**

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**Consent Form for .....** **Date of Birth .....**

Photographs and recordings of pupils for School, family and press are a source of pride to both the pupils and their families//legal guardians. Taking, keeping and publishing photographs and video footage involves processing personal data under data protection laws.

To enable us to comply with our obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation, we are required to obtain express consent to the use of a pupil's image for example in school displays, performances, newsletters, prospectus and our social media platforms.

In all instances below, the image or footage may be of an individual, small group, class or classes. Where pupils are named, we will use first names only unless we have sought prior permission from you to publish full names (**\*newspaper and media companies will often use a full name and we will not seek further permission for this**). We will only use photographs and footage where pupils are appropriately dressed to reduce the risk of inappropriate use of the images or footage.

**Parents//legal guardians of pupils under the age of 13** should complete this form on behalf of the pupil.

**This consent form will be valid until your child completes their education at Strabane Primary school.**

I give permission for photographs, voice recordings or videos of my child to be taken and used, displayed and printed <b>in school articles</b> using their Christian name such as wall displays, prospectus, pantomime and general school DVDs which will then go on sale etc.	Yes/No
I give permission for photographs, school work, voice recordings or videos of my child to be used on the <b>School's website</b>	Yes/No
I give permission for photographs, school work, voice recordings or videos of my child to be used on the <b>PTA Facebook page</b>	Yes/No
I give permission for visiting media organisations to take photographs or video footage of my child and use them in local or national publications, on websites and on radio or television programmes. My child's name* may be used in connection with this material. (*In these instances full names are often used).	Yes/No

- Our current social media accounts are:  
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- We may continue to use your child's image or footage after they have left the School in promotional materials or on our social media or website accounts.
- We will not include personal e-mail or postal addresses, telephone or fax numbers on video, on our website or in any printed materials.
- We may include a pupil's written work, projects and artwork including portraits of other pupils on our website and in promotional materials.

**Consent can be withdrawn at any time by notifying the Principal and completing a new copy of this form.** If you do not consent to a particular use of your child's information, you/your child will not suffer any detrimental effect as a result.

Where you would like to amend the provisions for which consent has been provided, you must submit your request in writing to the Principal. A new form will be supplied to you to amend your consent accordingly and provide a signature.

Signed by parent/legal guardian .....

Print name .....

Relationship to child ..... Date .....