



15/12/23

Week Three
Dinner menu
From 18th
December

CIPS Weekly Bulletin



Christmas Concerts

We would like to thank all the pupils from P3 to P7 for the wonderful Christmas Concerts which we have enjoyed today. The beautiful singing brought smiles to our faces and we would like to thank all the Classes for their careful preparation for these events. We would also like to express our thanks to all the teachers who have been involved in making these events so special.

Cash for Kids

We are delighted to have received a donation of toys from Cash for Kids. It is not too late to apply if you are struggling this Christmas. If so, contact the school office or email us at info@cliftonville.belfast.ni.sch.uk. All information will be treated sensitively and discreetly.



Like last year, it would be useful if you provide the age and gender of your child(ren) so that we can ensure that we match the presents with them. Even if all your children don't attend CIPS, please provide their details also. There is no guarantee that we can help everyone who needs it so please do this early as we anticipate running a collection day early in December. Initially, this is for parents of our school as other local schools are running similar schemes. However, where you know someone with pre-school children only who is experiencing hardship, then we are happy to take their details, provided you have their consent.

Christmas Dinner



The children really enjoyed the festive music and decorations in the dining hall for their Christmas dinner. They enjoyed the delicious dinner produced by all the canteen staff. We would like to thank the catering team for all their efforts.



There are still a lot of fun activities left for our children in December!

Tues 19 th and Wed 20 th December	Nativity	Assembly Hall	Parents	Parents should be seated before the performance starts at 9.30am. Free tickets will be available on School Money from Monday 4 th December or from the school office.
Thurs 21 st December	Disco	Assembly Hall	Pupils	Classes will be timetabled to attend this. Pupils may wear Christmas jumpers/party clothes. Pupils may bring up to £1.00 for the tuck shop.
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term	Whole School	Everyone	12pm finish for all children. Pupils may wear non-uniform. No clubs and no bus.
Monday 8 th January 2024	School starts back	Whole School	Everyone	Normal times apply



Breakfast Club

There will be no Breakfast Club next Friday 22nd December as the canteen will be closed for the holidays.

And Finally.....

We are all looking forward to the planned fun in our last week of school. Please make sure all our Nativity pupils in P1 and P2 are well slept for their performances on Tuesday and Wednesday! We are all looking forward to seeing them in action. Please remind the children to behave well during the last week of school as the Christmas excitement builds!

Reminders

Approaching Children/Other Parents

From time to time, children fall out or incidents can occur. We encourage all our children to speak directly to a member of staff when this happens in order to resolve the issue. As a school we will always attempt to resolve school-based incidents to the satisfaction of all concerned. With this in mind, I would like to remind parents and carers that they should not approach any child / parent directly as a result of an alleged incident that occurred in school. We would ask that parents speak directly to the class teacher or another staff member.

Easton Avenue

I would like to thank all those parents who have used Easton Avenue with consideration for both our neighbours and the other parents when they have been dropping off and picking children up. We would ask all parents to be vigilant and if you see a member of our school community parking or driving in these areas, report it to the school, including vehicle registration numbers.



Despite numerous appeals, some parents continue to ignore our pleas and selfishly park or drive into this street. This is not only a breach of the law around parking on a private road but more importantly, a danger to the parents and children who are walking their children to and from our school. We will continue to liaise with the residents and the PSNI to resolve this issue.

In the meantime, this will be monitored over the next week and if the situation does not improve, Easton Avenue will be shut until further notice. This will unfortunately impact on all parents, including those who have been observing the rules and respecting our neighbours. Parents should have also received a text message about this so please pass this information onto anyone collecting your children.

PLEASE OBSERVE THIS SIMPLE RULE-
DO NOT PARK OR DRIVE ON EASTON AVENUE!!!!

Dogs on school property

Despite numerous reminders, some parents are still bringing their pooches into school grounds. Please **do not bring your dog onto school property** – this is an Education Authority regulation.

Dogs, even on leads, cannot enter the playground or be inside the school gates or on the school paths. Even the cutest, gentlest and most obedient dog can have a 'bad day' which could result in a child being scarred for life! Please work with the school to keep everyone safe.



SEEKING DONATIONS
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION -
DRESSES, SUITS AND ACCESSORIES

We are seeking donations this year to help create that special day for some of our local young people in 2024.

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE DROP ITEMS OFF AT 111 ETNA DRIVE FROM 9.00-5.00PM MONDAY-THURSDAY (EXCL. 1.00-2.00PM AS WE'RE CLOSED FOR LUNCH).



NIMSPORTS
UNLOCK YOUR TALENT

CHRISTMAS CAMP

Ballysillan Leisure Centre

 **DECEMBER 28 & 29**
10am - 1pm

AGES: 4-11

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