



22nd December
2023

Week One
Dinner Menu
From 8th January

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

Christmas Celebrations

The children have enjoyed celebrating Christmas throughout the month of December in school. They have enjoyed a visit from Santa, Christmas dinner and participating in the various performances.



Nativity

We would like to congratulate the Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils on their amazing performance at the Christmas Nativity event. They knew all their words so well and were so obviously enjoying this special event. Thank you also to the Primary 1 and 2 teachers and classroom assistants for making the whole event possible. We would also like to thank you for all your support.



New Term

Pupils should return to school on Monday 8th January. Breakfast Club and 2-3 Club will operate as usual from this date. Details about after-school clubs for P4-7 will be made available upon return to school in January.



Strike Action

As you may have seen in the media, a teachers' strike is planned for Thursday 18th January. Further details regarding this will be communicated to you in the new year.

Nursery (Pre-School) and Primary One Applications for September 2024

Applications for Nursery and Primary One open on Tuesday 9th January 2024 through the EA Portal – www.eani.org.uk The link can also be accessed via our website.



A limited number of tours of our school will be available on Wednesday 10th January. Anyone wishing to book a tour should contact the school office – 028 9035 1638.

And finally....



We would like to wish you and all your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful new year! Thank-you for all your ongoing support and we look forward to this continuing in 2024.

THE NEW TERM WILL START ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024
AND WE WILL SEE YOU THEN!

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).



CHRISTMAS CAMP

Ballysillan Leisure Centre

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

AGES: 4-11

 **07849313526**

£25

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