

29/11/16

Dear parents,

As we celebrate the Advent season, which started last Sunday, I write to you with lots of 'news.'

We have provided your child with a little Kris Kringle prayer card as part of our Advent preparations in school. He/she has been allocated a classmate's name and we ask you to pray with your child each night before bed for his/her prayer friend. This very simplistic yet meaningful advent 'project' is a lovely reminder to us all that advent is a time for preparing for our Saviour's birth and that the most important Christmas preparation we can make is to pray a little bit more as a family and school. In addition to praying for their prayer friend throughout Advent, we would also encourage your child to send a special Christmas card (home-made or bought with a nice personal note inside) to his/her prayer friend and the teacher will distribute these just before the holidays.

I realise that many parents are having to book time off from work to attend their child's Christmas celebrations, therefore I am happy to provide times and dates for these:

Class	Date	Time	Venue
Nursery	Mon 19 th December	9.30 AM class & 1.00 PM class	Mrs Bennett's class.
P1 Mrs Cribbin	Thursday 15 th December	1.15 PM	Mrs Cribbin's class.
P1 Miss Mc Shane	Friday 16 th December	1.15 PM	Miss Mc Shane's class.
P2- All three classes	Monday 19 th December	11.15AM	Assembly Hall
P3 - Miss Rocks	Wednesday 14 th December	11.15 AM	Miss Rock's class
P3 -Miss Duffy	Friday 16 th December	9.30 AM	Miss Duffy's class
P3 - Mrs Tierney	Thursday 15 th December	11.15 AM	Mrs Tierney's class
P4 - All three classes & Mr Mc Entee's P5 class	Wednesday 14 th December	11.00	Carol singing in Buttercrane Shopping Centre
	Friday 16 th December	11.15	Assembly Hall
Mr Digney's & Miss O Shea's class	Tuesday 20 th December	11.15AM	Miss O Shea's class - ECPD-
P6 - Both classes	Tuesday 20 th December	9.30 AM	Mass in Assembly Hall .
P7- Both classes	Monday 19 th December	1.45PM	Assembly Hall



Some other dates:

- **Thurs 8th December** -School Closure- Feast Of The Immaculate Conception
- **Fri 2nd December** 3 - 4pm After school clubs will finish.
- **Sun 18th December**- Ten P7 pupils singing at Reopening Mass in St Mary's Chapel.
- **Sun 18th December**- Choir singing in Pastoral Centre
- **Wed 21st December** - Christmas jumper/ non uniform day, £1 donation please
- **Thurs 22nd December** - Christmas holidays commence @ 12pm
- **Thurs 5th January**-school re-opens *NB: Change from original holiday list.*
- **Fri 6th January**- Holy day Feast of the Epiphany- Pupils will be in school and senior classes will attend mass in the Cathedral.
- **Thurs 12th January**- First Confession for P4s- St Mary's Church @ 7pm.
- **Wed 15th Feb - Fri 17th Feb** - School Closures
- **Mon 13th March - 17th March** - School Closures
- **Thurs 13th April**- school closes at 12pm for Easter holidays
- **Mon 24th April** - School reopens for pupils
- **Sat 29th April**- Confirmation for P7 pupils in Cathedral @ 11.30AM
- **Sat 6th May** - First Holy Communion for P4s in St Mary's Church @11.30
- **Mon 1st May**- School Closure
- **Mon 29th - Tues 30th May**- School Closures
- **Fri 30th June**- Summer holidays commence @ 12pm

Please note: parents of pupils receiving sacraments this year will be invited to parish led preparation workshop during term 2. Dates will follow as soon as available, it would be very important that you attend these.

It remains for me to thank you sincerely for your support in what has been a wonderful first term for us. It is truly lovely to be celebrating our first Advent together in our fabulous new school. Be assured that I, on behalf of our whole staff, wish you and your family every blessing for the Christmas season.

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan

