



FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

04/12/20

Dear Parents

With only a few weeks until Christmas we would like to tighten up on restrictions and remind you to maintain social distancing when dropping off and picking up children. We would also suggest that face coverings would be appropriate while waiting for your child. Again we would like to thank you for your continued support and tolerance of these measures.

Christmas Nativity

This year, as it is not possible to have our normal Nativity Play for Years 1 to 3, we are preparing a virtual performance by each class.

This will be recorded and uploaded on SeeSaw on Monday 14th December.



Applications for Nursery / P1

The system for applying for nursery or P1 places will be by on-line application. Information regarding the procedure can be obtained through the EA website. The Portal for applications opens at 12 noon on Thursday 7 January. Please remember that even if your child currently attends our nursery-unit you must re-apply for a P1 place. Applications received after the deadline, 12 noon on Friday 29 January, cannot be considered.

Virtual Open Day

We will be providing a virtual tour of the school this year for prospective Nursery and Primary One parents. This will be available on our school website from 10th December.

www.lisburncentralps.com

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December



Pupils may come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper instead of their Lisburn Central Primary School one. There is no need to purchase a new jumper - be creative and add some tinsel to your favourite jumper! Once again, being mindful of others less fortunate than ourselves we ask that you bring £1 for 'Save the Children' Fund.

School Choir

The school choir were recorded this week for the PSNI Carol Service in Christ Church. Thank you to all who took part.

Christmas Photos

Christmas photographs will be taken on Friday 11th December when your child is wearing their Christmas jumper. Please complete the booking form and send in £1 if you would like a Christmas photo. These will be printed and sent out the following week.

Christmas Dinner ... Thursday 9th December

Please complete the form sent home earlier this week if your child would like to have Christmas Dinner.

Flu Vaccinations.....8 December

The school nurse will be in on Tuesday 8th to give the flu vaccinations.

Christmas Cards.....

Unfortunately, we cannot distribute Christmas cards this year. However, we have planned a day for making Christmas cards in school which will give the children opportunity to make cards for friends in their own 'Bubbles'. Alternatively, you can record a Christmas message and send to your teacher on SeeSaw.

Teacher & Classroom Assistant Christmas Presents.....

If you wish to show your appreciation, staff will be accepting gifts this year. However, we recognise that times are tough with family incomes etc. and the teachers have agreed your money should be spent on family this year.



Dogs

Can I remind you that dogs are NOT PERMITTED on the school grounds in order to maintain children's safety. Dog fouling is a huge problem and poses a health and safety risk to children!

PTF Christmas Quiz

Reminder: Quiz sheets available in school at a cost of £1. Prize will be drawn on Friday 11th December - £25

Homeworks

Next week pupils will have no written homework.
Spellings, tables and reading will continue as normal.
There will be no homework week beginning 14th
December.

Literacy Service - please see the letter from the literacy service with lots of ideas on helping your child at home.

*Should you wish to speak to me about any of the above or any other matter please contact Mrs Bishop who will be very happy to arrange a phonecall. **A.Poots (Principal)***



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have received this exciting first edition Newsletter from the EA Literacy Service, and we invite you to share this with your child/children at home, if suitable. The content of the newsletter is for parents and children, who at some point in their school career may experience difficulties with literacy.

This issue focuses on spelling with lots of useful, practical ideas and resources to use at home. It also contains details on how the newsletter can be read out loud using assistive technology (Texthelp Read & Write and Immersive Reader) and provides instructions for this. Please copy and paste the link below into the Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge browser to view at home and explore this amazing new resource for Northern Ireland pupils, parents and schools.

<https://sway.office.com/GgRFD5xCBes1e2Hr?ref=Link>

With this new initiative the Literacy Service would value your feedback via the Survey Monkey at the end of the newsletter. Any contributions of your child's work showing their super skills, comments and stories may be included in future issues, with your consent.

This is the first edition and our school have been asked by the Literacy Service to run a competition to suggest an original name for this newsletter. If your child has an idea or suggestion for a name, please send it to your school. All suggestions will be considered and the best sent to the Newsletter Editors. The winning suggestion, the child who made it and the school that the child attends will be part of a feature in the next edition.

We hope you enjoy sharing this new project with your child or young person.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Janet McCann'.

Mrs Janet McCann
Head of Pupil Support Services
Children and Young People's Services