



MERCY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and pupils,
Welcome back after our mid-term break, there has been a lot happening and we have a busy term ahead so don't forget to keep up to date with events on our website and facebook pages.

We always give to charity at Christmas time to the Homeless Welcome Centre and to education in Zambia through Sr. Mary De Lary. The Christmas Fair and fundraising enables us to do this. We thank you so much for the support you have given so far. As always you are generous and kind with your donations, these as you know go back to the school community in prizes, and create a day that we all give something back to others.

Best Wishes

Mrs Loughran

Parent Consultation.

I would like to thank all the parents who attended on Monday evening for the parent consultations. There was a great turn out and the passionate way parents spoke about our school and staff was heart-warming at this difficult time. **We will urge parents to respond to the consultation with their thoughts and comments.** We will continue to provide the excellent standards of education and look after our pupils regardless of future developments.



Thank you to all our parents who decorated the hall for our Halloween disco and for those of you who continued to support the 100 Club this month. Our winners were very glad to receive their winnings.

Time to Read:

Our partners at Allen & Overy have begun visiting our library each Tuesday for Time to Read!

School Pantomime is on 2nd December – Outstanding money must be paid by the end of this month.

Primary 5 Music Morning

Mrs Cush and her P5 class gave a splendid performance on Thursday 10th November at Belfast City School of Music.

They sang a selection of songs and performed a composition of instruments. Everyone was highly impressed! Well done P5!

100 Club

Our next draw will take place on Wednesday 14th December at our P1/2 Christmas play.

We are having bi-monthly draws rather than monthly due to the difficulty getting payments in on time for the draws. Get paid up this month for the Christmas draw!

£250 – Seaneen Teer
£100 – Mark Griffen
£50 – Emma Mowbray
£50 – Mrs Fitzmaurice
£50 – Marie McKillop



Parent Activities:

Coffee and Christmas Card Making for parents.

1-2pm Thursday 17th November. Come along for an hour of crafting fun!

Our Lets do this Activities! Parent and child cookery sessions will begin next Tuesday 15th November from 2-3.30pm

The sessions will last for 8 weeks and will include, cookery, parent fitness sessions and game time for the children. These activities are all sponsored by Tesco and there are lots of Goodie bags and prizes available each week.

Christmas Craft parent and child activities will be taking place on Wednesday 7th December – details to follow.

Pumpkin Carving with parents was a great success last month. It was great to see so many dads there too!



After school Activities this term:

Monday Every Week	Tuesday Every Week	Wednesday Every Week	Thursday Every Week
123 Club 2-3pm P1-2	123 Club 2-3pm P1-2	123 Club 2-3pm P1-2	123 Club 2-3pm P1-3
Homework Club 3-4pm P1-7	Homework Club 3-4pm P1-7	Homework Club 3-4pm P1-7	Homework Club 3-4pm P1-7
Art Attack 2-3pm P1-3	Irish Dancing 2-3pm P1-2	Gymnastics 2-3pm P1-2	
Netball 3-4pm P6-7	BoxFit 3-4pm P4-7	Music Club 3-4pm P5-7	Transfer Club 3-4:30pm P7
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Parents are **asked not to drop children off before 8am** each morning. It has been reported that children have been dropped off and left unattended. We also ask for child protection that parents hand children off at the canteen door to the supervisor.

Communion Date 2017

Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 20th May** at Holy Cross Church. Further details will follow.



Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas fair will take place on Saturday 3rd December at 11am. We hope to see you all there. As usual it will be a lovely morning. Thank you for your continued donations and prizes.

Volunteers Needed!

We need parent volunteer for our Christmas fair to make up hampers on Thursday 1st December. Let us know if you are free!

Early Closure



We will be closing at 12.30 on Wednesday the 30th November to facilitate Open Day for our new pupils and parents. Some children will be asked to stay behind and help present activities and they will receive a note from their teachers.

Open Day!

Our school open Day is on 30th November 2016.

P1 application forms will be available on the day and at the office for any parents or families who have a child starting school in September 2017.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Our meetings will take place on **Friday 25th November** to allow parents the opportunity of a 1-1 discussion with your class teacher. These meeting last 10-15 minutes and times will be allocated next week. We do our best to facilitate all parents and look forward to meeting you.



School will be closed to children on this day

WINTER WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSURES



Any exceptional closures due to bad weather will be notified on our website, school face book page and BBC NI. Parents are requested to make sure that all contact details are up to date in case of boiler failure or closure during the day.

OUR TEXT SERVICE ONLY WORKS WHEN YOU KEEP US INFORMED OF CURRENT PHONE NUMBERS.



Our Parent Room will be open every morning from next week **Monday 14th November** for you to have a chat or a cuppa after you have dropped the girls off. Entrance is round at the little yard facing the car park. It is self-service!

Dates for Your Diary

- 10th November - Music morning P5
- 15th November - I for Education P7
- 17th November - Bryson House energy talk P6/7
- 25th November - Parent/teacher meetings **SCHOOL CLOSED ON THIS DAY**
- 29th November - P7 visit Mercy College
- 30th November - Open afternoon **EARLY CLOSURE AT 12.30**
- 2nd December - Panto at Waterfront Hall
- 3rd December - Christmas Fair
- 7th December - Christmas crafts with P1 parents
- 13th December - P1 and 2 Nativity
- 14th December - P1 and 2 Nativity
- 16th December - Carol service

School finishes 20th December 11 am
School returns Friday 6th January 2017