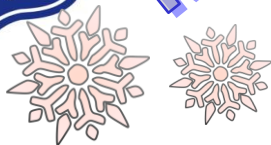


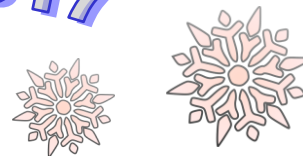


MERCY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and pupils,

We have a busy winter term ahead so don't forget to keep up to date with events on our website and facebook pages. We know you are enjoying our Class Do-Jo from all the feedback given at the parent teacher meetings. It was lovely to see so many of you at school.

Financially we, like all schools, have challenging times ahead and we rely on your continued support as we organise events and activities for parents and families. We always give to charity at Christmas time to the Homeless Welcome Centre but we also do need to raise funds for Accelerated Reader and ICT equipment this year for our own children. Our Big Breakfast with Santa hopefully will raise funds for this cause. We hope you can support us with your usual generosity.

Best Wishes

Mrs Loughran



Christmas Breakfast!

Santa and friends will be joining us for our Christmas breakfast in school on 1st December. We hope you will support us on this day and come for a quick coffee/ Tea or cooked breakfast!

This is our school Christmas Fundraiser this year and we value your support from buying tickets to attending on the day. All tickets purchased will be entered into a free draw for a Hamper.

Normal classes at school will begin at 10.30 that day to allow time for you and your children to come to school and enjoy breakfast and the activities. Children can be left supervised once they have been signed in after breakfast. We will have a selection of cooked breakfast, music, movies and magic show. Details are on the flyers. Face painting and ballots will be extras we hope you can join in. **Children and adults can wear Christmas Jumpers or festive red/green clothes/hats that day.**

Forest Schools outdoor learning

Our teachers and pupils will be taking part in forest schools activities over the coming weeks starting on Friday. The classes involved will get details from their class teachers.

ACTION MS

Our Action MS walk raised a fabulous total of £2337.79. Well done to all of you!

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £410

so your generosity this term has been outstanding!

Thanks giving Friday 24th November we are asking children to come to school in ordinary clothes (Dress Down Day and instead of bringing in £1 we are going to ask each family to bring in an item to make up our luxury hampers for the Christmas Breakfast Draw and ballots. Items could be:

- Mince pies
- Chocolates
- Biscuits
- Pudding
- Cakes
- Crackers
- Christmas goods/

(We are happy to accept wine/mulled wine if delivered by adults but this **must not** be sent in to school with children.)

School Pantomime

Our Pantomime will be taking place on 15th December.

We remind all parents to get the deposit of £5 paid and the remaining £6 is due by the end of November. We will only be booking the tickets paid for. There will be a facility for pupils who haven't paid to remain in school on that day.

Time to Read:

Our partners at Allen & Overy have begun visiting each Tuesday for Time to Read!
Our girls have chosen library books to read and enjoy with our workplace volunteers.

Primary 7 visit to see the Belfast Giants

As a special treat for our Primary 7 girls we will be going to The Giants on Friday 24th November at 3pm
What a treat for all their hard work and good attendance this term.

Primary 4 Music Morning

Mrs Bullock and her P4 class gave a splendid performance on Tuesday 14th November at Belfast City School of Music. They sang a selection of songs and performed their own composition. Everyone was highly impressed! Well done P4! Photos to follow!

Early Closure



We will be closing at 12.30 on Wednesday the 29th November to facilitate Open Day for our new pupils and parents. Some groups of children will be asked to stay behind and help present activities. They will receive a permission note from their teachers.

Open Day!

Our school open Day is on 29th 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.



Breakfast Club

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 will be on Saturday 19th May at Holy Cross Church. Further details will follow.



Volunteers Needed!

We need parent volunteers on Thursday 30th and Friday 1st December to help with our Christmas breakfast and to help with Open Day. Please come along to a meeting this Friday 17th November at 9.15am



Staff update:

We would like to welcome Ms Owens to Mercy Primary. She will be joining us as P3 teacher and Vice Principal on the 1st December. I know you will all make her feel welcome too.

Mr Sweeney is sadly leaving us at this time. We will be very sorry to lose him and on behalf of all staff and pupils I would like to thank him for his dedication and his time at Mercy. We will all miss him and we wish him well.

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
Gymnastics 2-3pm P1-3	Art Attack 2-3pm P1-2	Hip Hop 2-3pm P1-2	
Transfer Club 3-4:00pm P7	Multisports 3-4pm P4-6	Music Club 3-4pm P5-7	Transfer Club 3-4:00pm P7

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 – a number of pupils still have outstanding data/information forms

Pupil Information Forms: Please make sure you have completed a permission form for your child including relevant contact details. Thank you

Dates for Your Diary

17th Nov - Forest schools begins P5, P7

24th Nov - Flu vaccine

- P7 Mercy College
- P7 Trip Giants

29th Nov Open Day



- Early Closure 12.30pm

1st Dec - Christmas Breakfast

6th Dec - Mass of Starving 7pm

8th Dec - School Christmas Dinner

12th /13thDec- P1/2 Christmas Play TBD

14th Dec - FISCA Choir Competition

15th Dec - School Pantomime at Waterfront

20th Dec - Carol Service in Church 1pm

21st Dec - School closes at 11am