



MERCY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and pupils,
December is truly underway and we loved to see so many of you at our Christmas Breakfast on Friday. We hope you can make a little time to join us for some of our other Christmas festivities over this next few weeks.
We thank you kindly for all your support this year but remind you that staff would prefer you not to go the trouble of purchasing gifts as we do not wish to add any additional expense at what is already a demanding time for families.
We welcome Ms Owens to our school also.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Principal and staff can we wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Mrs Loughran

CHRISTMAS Breakfast!

Our Christmas Breakfast took place on Friday 1st December. We had a great day full of fun and lucky draws. Santa himself came to visit. A huge big thank you, to all the parents and grandparents who volunteered or helped in any way and to our local business supporters who made it all possible.



Special thanks to:

- Mc Aufields Butchers, Ardoyne
- SPAR Ardoyne
- SPAR Cavehill
- ASDA - Shore Road
- CO-OP Oldpark Rd
- ICELAND - Ballysillan
- Tesco - Antrim Road

A big thank you also to Maria and the staff in the School Meals Kitchens.

Thanks to visiting pupils from Mercy College.



School Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner for all pupils will be on Friday 8th December. Mass will also be that day. **School will close early at 12.30**
Dinner will cost **£2.60**



Our Pantomime

Our visit to the Waterfront Hall will be on Friday 15th December. Pupils may bring a small treat and drink in a plastic bag. Pupils must wear their uniforms on this day.



Open Day!

Our Open day was a great success. Many parents and nursery girls came to have a visit, tour our school and look around. Remember application forms need to be returned before **January 11th 2017**. Places are limited so get your forms in early and pass the word onto any nursery pupils.



Coffee Morning and thank you for all our parent volunteers is on **Monday 18th December** at 9.15 am. All parent volunteers are welcome to join us so we can show our appreciation for all your help.

Our School Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 1pm. **We welcome all of you to join us for this special occasion at Holy Cross Church.** Each class will sing a carol as part of the Christmas Story. Parents may complete a form to indicate if they intend to collect their children at the church or if they wish them to return to school for pick up/bus.



Nativity Our P1 & P2 Christmas Shows will be on **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December**. As usual we ask you to have patience and not to leave in the middle of the show. Tickets will cost **£2** to cover the cost of the sound systems used. A free ballot will be drawn at each show.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 26th January 2016 at 11am in Holy Cross Church. Further details will be provided at the start of the new year.



Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas post box will be in the front corridor every day to allow pupils to post their Christmas Cards to each other. Pupils must put the name and class on all Christmas Cards and they will be delivered in the afternoon to each class.

Communication with Parents

As a school we do our very best to communicate as much as possible to parents. We send notes, text messages and newsletters, and often parents say they didn't know about something. Please register with our school **Facebook** page and look at our **Website** to keep ahead of school events.

End of Clubs

After schools/homework club will finish on Friday 15th December 2016. It will resume in the new year 8th January 2017.

Attendance Policy:

Parents are reminded that if a child is absent for any reason that they should contact the school and report the reason for the absence.

Attendance is monitored and a letter will be sent home in January to those pupils who have missed a lot of days off. Attendance Certificates will be given out for this term in the coming weeks.

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

Merry Christmas 2017

Dates for Your Diary



Advent is here.

1st Dec 17 -Breakfast with Santa

Tues 5th Dec 17 – Mass of the Starving Holy Cross Church

Wed 6th Dec 17 – Christmas Crafts with Parents P2

Fri 8th Dec 17 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception. P4-P7 Mass
Christmas Dinner day
SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12.30

Tues 12th Dec 17 - P1 & 2 Play @11 am

Wed 13th Dec 17 - P1 & 2 Play @11 am

Thur 14th Dec - Fisca Flax Trust Choir Competition Belfast City Hall

Fri 15th Dec - Whole School Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty

Mon 18th December – A Letter to Santa BCC P1-P3

Tues 19th December - Flax Trust Concert Choir Holy Cross Church

Wed 20th December – Carol Service Holy Cross Church 1pm

SCHOOL CLOSSES Thursday 21st December at 11am
No Breakfast/ Lunches/ Dinners or Buses on this day!

School Re opens on Monday 8th January 2017