



6th November 2023

Dear Parent(s)

After such a busy start to the school year, it is hard to believe we are now on the countdown to Christmas. Again, we would like to welcome Mrs Kelly to St. Tierney's and wish Mrs Conlon good luck as she begins her secondment. We wish our P7 pupils that are sitting the Post Primary Entrance exams this Saturday the best of luck. We are so proud of you and all the hard work you have put in. We are indeed so proud of the wide variety of achievements of all our pupils every day 😊.

Mrs Murray

Key Dates for November & December:

NOVEMBER

Drama, Food and Art Extended Schools Clubs continue for the next 4 weeks.

Tuesday classes (final sessions on 28th November):

P1 & P2 - 1.50pm-2.45pm P4 – 2.50 - 3.50pm P6 & P7 – 2.50 – 3.50pm

Thursday classes (final session on 30th November): P3 & P5 – 2.50 -3.50pm

Tuesday 7th November – Autumn Outdoor Learning Workshop for P4 & P5.

Wednesday 8th November – School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccine

P3 class to visit Roslea Heritage Centre to learn about local homes in the past. Exact day to be confirmed.

Saturday 11th November – Post Primary Transfer Test Day 1.

Saturday 11th November - Mullaghmore Equestrian Schools League begins.

Monday 13th - Friday 17th – Anti Bullying Week.

Tuesday 14th November – P4 Anti-bullying Assembly.

Friday 17th November – Collection of Shoe Boxes for Team Hope Appeal

Friday 24th November - School closed for pupils. Parent Teacher Meeting's ongoing through-out the school day.

Individual appointment times will be sent shortly.

Saturday 25th November – Post Primary Transfer Test Day 2.

DECEMBER

Friday 1st December – Walk to school/Ditch the Dark– Feel Good Friday.

Friday 1st December – P5 FODC Ceilidh Programme – Looking at Sean Nos, Bodhran. Marching Bands and Highland Dance

Saturday 2nd December – Mullaghmore Equestrian Schools League Day 2.

Monday 4th December – P1-P4 - Panto in Armagh Market Place "Aladdin @ 11am."

Thursday 7th December @ 9.30am – Open Morning for prospective pupils and parents

Friday 8th – Christmas dinner in school & Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 11th December – P5-P7 - Panto in Armagh Market Place "Aladdin @1pm."

Tuesday 12th December – P1 & P2 Christmas Nativity Open Assembly at 10am– All family members welcome.

Thursday 14th December @ 7.00pm – P3-P7 Christmas Performances. Family members and wider community welcome.

Any other events for this busy term will be communicated by text as they are arranged.

OPEN MORNING AND PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

We will be hosting an Open Morning on Thursday 7th December from 9.30am, when prospective P1 pupils and parents can visit the school, see around the facilities, and spend some time in the P1 classroom. The school prospectus for 2024-25 school year will also be available, along with our admissions criteria.

Online applications for P1 September 2024 will open on Tuesday 9th January at 12noon.

If you need any help with this, please contact the school office and if you are aware of any new families that have children of school age, please inform them of these arrangements.

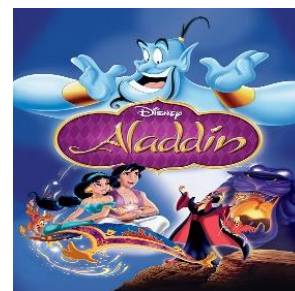
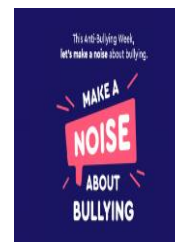
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

November 13th-17th is Anti-bullying Week. The theme for the week is **Make A Noise About Bullying!**



Banter V's Bullying!!

During the week the children will be engaged in a range of activities to raise awareness of bullying.

Don't forget to come to school in odd socks on Monday 13th to show that its ok to be different 😊.



SCHOOL CLOSURES

November	Friday 24 th School Closed for Pupils P1-P7 Parent Teacher Meetings.
December 	SCHOOL CLOSES @ 12noon - Thursday 21st Dec (No breakfast club, snack or dinner on this day)
January 	Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd - School Holiday Wednesday 3 rd - Staff Day SCHOOL REOPENS FOR PUPILS ON THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2024.

All Closures are on www.sttierneyspsroslea.com

CHRISTMAS IN ST. TIERNEYS – PLAYS/CHARITIES/DINNER/JUMPER DAY

We are so looking forward to a return to our Christmas Plays in school this year.

Our Annual Christmas Draw will take place in the school during the evening shows. We will also have a draw for the children in school – tickets 50p or 3 for £1.

Tickets will be on sale for pupils from Monday 4th December.

Thanks in advance to local business, staff and parents who will sponsor our prizes. If you feel you can donate anything towards our main draw or pupil draw please let us know.

We really appreciate your support for our Christmas fundraising and charities. In acknowledgement of this, teaching staff would again like to remind parents that we do not expect gifts from the children. Families have enough to focus on at this time of year and we get so much joy in seeing the children and families support the school and our chosen charities.

Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal and St Vincent De Paul are the charities we are supporting this Christmas. Leaflets will be sent home for families to take part in the Shoe Box appeal, with a collection date of 17th November. Pupils are asked to bring in a minimum of £1 donation for St. Vincent de Paul on our Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 8th December. This will go towards supporting local families in need over Christmas.



MUSIC

Music money for November and December is now due for Tuesday classes with Master McCabe. £10 covers both months and should be sent to school in a labelled envelope.

LISNASKEA FEIS WINNERS (OCTOBER 2023)

Well done to all our boys and girls who represented the school so well at Lisnaskea Feis.

Winners in Art & Verse Speaking Section have been published on the website.

Results from Handwriting and Own Poetry are not back yet so keep an eye on the website during November for any winners.



SUSTRANS NI – DITCH THE DARK

Such great support for our Halloween Walk to School. We hope you enjoyed our video and photos on the website.

On Friday 1st December we will have a DITCH THE DARK, BE BRIGHT BE SEEN WALK TO SCHOOL Day. Pupils should wear **bright coloured clothing** over their school uniform. We will meet in McCague's carpark @ 8.40am. Weather permitting.

AUTUMN BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who bought books from the recent Book Fair. The school gets 50% of the overall spend to purchase new books for the school so we now have an extra **£750.75** to spend on novels etc. Our pupils really enjoyed the Book Review competition and there was a very high standard of work. Well done to our winners pictured below.



SCHOOL MINIBUS

We would greatly appreciate any family members that have any spare time and would be able to volunteer to drive the bus on school outings. For insurance purposes any one driving the bus must have Category D1 on their current drivers license. If this is something you or a family member could help out with please contact the school office.