



Weekly Parent Newsletter: 14

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REMINDERS:

- ✓ **ALL** Extra Curricular Activities finish **TODAY Friday 8 December**. The exceptions are:
 - Tuesday's P1/P2 Dance** which finishes 12 December
 - Wednesday's Drama Club** - pick up at 4pm FROM CHURCH
 - Thursday's P1/2 Multisport** which finishes on 14 December
 - Friday's P3/4 & P5/6/7 Multisport** which finishes on 15 December
- ✓ Please note pick up arrangements for Monday's KS2 Dress rehearsals - a separate note has been sent home. Please advise child minders/aunties/grandparents etc. -
 - **ALL P5-7 children pick up at 3pm FROM CHURCH**
 - **Drama Club pick up at 4pm FROM CHURCH**
- ✓ Christmas Nativity and Carol Service performances are as follows:
 - **Wednesday 13 Dec** P1-4 Nativity 10am & 1pm @ New Pavilion Hall, Senior School
 - **Thursday 14 Dec** P5-7 Carol Service 7pm @ First Holywood Presbyterian Church
- ✓ All pupils will finish for Christmas Holidays on **Thursday 21 December** at 12 noon - no lunches supplied.
Those pupils staying for After School Club will require a packed lunch and this club will finish promptly at 4.30pm to allow for the Senior School's maintenance team to carry out end of term procedures.

- ✓ **Friday 15 December**, please wear your snazzy festive sweaters to school, instead of your normal school jumper and bring a small unwrapped gift to donate to the Family Appeal.
- ✓ **Tuesday 19 December** SUPPA Christmas party - times still unconfirmed but likely to be 5-6.15pm for Lower Prep (P1-4) and 6.15-7.30pm for Upper Prep (P5-7)
- ✓ Reindeer Food will be sold in school next week for £1 per sachet in aid of Marie Curie.
- ✓ We would again remind you that children are not supervised **BEFORE 8.30am** - please do not leave them unattended in the school grounds in these dark mornings.

On Tuesday Preps 1 - 3 had a visit from local author Craig McGivern and illustrator Ken Maze. Craig very kindly read us his new book called 'Duffus the dancing disco horse.' After the story telling session, children were allowed to ask Craig and Ken questions about the book. Many children purchased a signed copy afterwards and I'm sure were very excited to get the book home to share with mum and dad!



PE REMINDERS

Monday 11th - No PE/Games/swimming due to rehearsals

Tuesday 12th - P5-7 swimming as normal

Cross Country - Well done to the team competing at Round 2 of the Athletics NI Cross Country League on Tuesday. Runners covered a tricky course of around 1200metres in cold conditions. Top finishers were Hannah (P7) in 47th, Monica (P6) in 50th and Mia (P7) in 77th out of 127 runners. For the boys, Sam (P6) in 33rd, Patrick (P6) in 60th and Brendan (P6) in 69th out of 130 runners. The Girls' team currently sits in 13th place and Boys' team are in 11th place out of a total of 18 teams. Fantastic effort from all of our runners. Whilst Cross Country Club is now finished for this year, there will still be a few more events to attend in the new year.

P4 - Will have a **Pool Party on Monday 18th December** so should bring kit for swimming. Pupils may wear their own coloured swim suit or swim shorts. Girls should wear a one-piece costume and swimming hat. Swimming will resume for P4 on Monday 8th January our first day back.

Prep 4 had the pleasure of welcoming Cecelia Daly into our classroom on Monday to tell us all about her work as Weather person for BBC NI. Erin wrote a letter to Cecelia to invite her to help with our class topic Whatever the Weather. Cecelia and her boss were delighted with the letter and she taught us all about her job. We got the chance to ask her lots of questions too and she was very entertaining. Her favourite type of weather is storms and she enjoys trying to make the ordinary grey rainy days' weather forecast more interesting to listen to. Thank you to Cecelia and Erin!

Prep 3 travelled to Mount Stewart on a chilly Thursday to experience preparations for a 1950 Estate Christmas party.

First we made snowy pine cones decorated with ribbons in the Londonderry family colours. Next, we made pop up Christmas Cards reusing old cards from last year! Then we walked over to the beautiful house and saw an enormous Christmas tree in the hallway. Cook Cranberry took us into the Still Kitchen and showed us the rations that they continued to have after the War to make a Christmas cake. Even with reduced ingredients we all thought it would still make a delicious cake. After a walk around the beautiful corridors in the house, Nanny then brought us to sing some old Christmas carols. We were able to join in with instruments and even Drummer Boy costumes! Finally, we were brought into the children's nursery and saw some of the toys they would have been playing with in 1950. We were all so relaxed during the telling of 'Twas the night before Christmas that we felt we could all have fallen asleep to be wakened up on Christmas Day!

A huge thank you to our helpers on the day, and to the Prep 3 ambassadors for Sullivan Prep. Prep 3 be proud of your lovely behaviour!

