

# Weekly News

Friday 8th December, 2023

Dear Parents,

I can't believe I am dating this 'Weekly News' as the 8<sup>th</sup> December. School is quite simply buzzing at the minute with the sound of little voices practising their songs and giggles of excitement as they try on their costumes. The children can't wait to perform for you all next week. There is a wealth of information to share once again. I greatly appreciate you taking time each week to read the news.

## Cranswick Christmas Card Competition



Congratulations to EWAN STEWART in Primary 7 who is the overall winner of the Cranswick Christmas Card Design Competition. Cranswick will print 250 Christmas cards with Ewan's design on the front to send to their employees and business partners.

Cranswick also wanted to acknowledge the high quality of entries throughout school and so decided to recognise a winner from each year group as well. The winner for each year group is as follows:-

*P1: Brooke Rodgers*

*P2: Isaac Service*

*P3: Olivia McKay*

*P4: Tommy Davidson*

*P5: John Service*

*P6: Jack Henry*

Well done to these 7 children and thank you to everyone who placed an entry. I thoroughly enjoyed browsing through all the designs before sending them off. All children in school will receive a little 'thank you gift' from Cranswick for entering the competition. We look forward to seeing our entries displayed at the 'Cullybackey Christmas Light Switch On' tonight.

## Milk



If you wish for your child to have milk as part of their break in term 2, please place your order through Parent Pay by next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The total cost for term 2 is £11.10.

## Christmas Post Box



The popular Christmas Post Box is back! It will be available for children to post Christmas cards to their friends in school. At lunch time each day, the 'P7 Delivery Service' will deliver the cards around school. Please remind your child to write the NAME AND CLASS on the envelope so that the cards are delivered to the right child. The post box will be available to use from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## STEAM / ALMAC



A huge thank you to Mr Wharry for organising the delivery of a very exciting STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics) box from ALMAC for our P5/6 class. This box will enable the children to experience new learning opportunities whilst exploring how the subject areas listed above are intrinsically linked.

## Choir

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, our school choir sang at 'Jingle All The Way' in Ballymena Town Centre. It was an enjoyable occasion for all involved and as a school we are delighted to be able to take part in this charitable event, raising money for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice.

Yesterday, the choir were also warmly welcomed to the 'Young at Heart' group in the Cuningham Memorial. Our choir put on a lovely programme and sang so well. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

## Next Week

Next week's routine is different to normal in many ways so please read the details carefully.

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Monday is our **Practice Day at First Ahoghill Presbyterian Church**.
- All children should be dropped off at First Ahoghill Presbyterian Church.
- Drop off times remain the same: Earliest drop off is 8.30am and latest drop-off 9.00am.
- The children will remain at the church throughout the day.
- Practice Day will finish at **3.00pm for all children P1 to P7**.
- Children will be collected from the church.
- Children will need **a packed lunch** as dinners will not be available. If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, a packed lunch will be delivered to the church from the Meals Service.
- Children do NOT need to bring a school bag or costume on this day. Costumes can remain at home.

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- The **Christmas Concert** will commence at **7.00pm** in **First Ahoghill Presbyterian Church**.
- Children should arrive at the church between **6.30pm - 6.45pm**. Doors will not open before 6.30pm.
- Children should arrive in their costume.
- You are all welcome to attend and no tickets are required.
- **School will close at 12 noon** for all children to allow for set up and final preparations.
- To help with congestion at pick up time, all children will be ready to be released from 11.45am. P1 - 3 parents are encouraged to come at this time to collect junior children along with older siblings and then P4 - 7 children closer to 12 noon.

## Friday 15th December

Breakfast with Santa, Christmas dinner and a day full of fun! We look forward to having a truly special day with our children. School drop off and pick up arrangements and times are as normal on this day. Children will go straight to classrooms from 8.30am as the hall will be in use for the breakfast. If you haven't already placed an order for your child for breakfast, please click on the link below and fill out the form today.

<https://forms.gle/8QEmDjT9hcukYJSF9>

Please also remember to book the Christmas Dinner through ParentPay. We plan for everyone in school to enjoy Christmas dinner & lunch together in the hall. Children should come to school in their Christmas/party clothing/accessories. Please remember footwear should be suitable for running around in the playground at break and lunch time.

Thank you for all your support each and every day,

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