



January Newsletter



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NURSERY & Y1 APPLICATIONS

If you have a child or know of a child who is due to start Nursery or Year 1, application forms are available from the school office.

The closing date for Nursery & Y1 applications is: WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY AT 12 noon

It is very important that your form is returned to school prior to this date! If you or a neighbour missed our open night, I would be happy to show you around the school. Please contact me or call in at any time.

School Dinners

From January 2017 school dinners will cost £2.55 each. Cheques should continue to be made out to 'Education Authority'

PTA

Christmas time is a very busy time for the PTA. I want to say thank you for all your help in the run up to Christmas. Santa's Grotto was amazing and the Christmas Trees were a great success! "Secret Santa Day" was a really special day in school and we had a visit from the big man himself.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY @ 7.30PM

New Year's Day Dip

Do you fancy a dip at Brown's Bay on New Year's Day while supporting Leah's rehabilitation? Sponsor forms are overleaf. If you don't fancy a dip but would like to support Leah please use the just giving page.

Interviews

Applications for the Y2 & Y4 teaching posts have been received and interviews will take place in January. As governors we want outstanding teachers in Whitehead PS. We believe that our children deserve the very best and in order to ensure that we achieve this, the interview will be a 2 stage process. Stage 1 will be an interview and stage 2 will involve the candidates teaching a short lesson as well as undertaking an interview.

It is hoped that the successful candidates will take up post on Monday 20 February after half term.

Calendars

We received little calendars which have fun facts about animals and bible verses which we have given out to the children. Some of the children took one and some decided not to.

Christmas Concerts

- A huge thanks to all those who attended the Christmas Concert. The children were fantastic and a credit to you.
- Could I record my thanks to all the teachers and classroom assistants in Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 for their hard work in making the concert such a success?

Carol Service

The Carol Service will take place tonight @ 7.30pm. The offering will be in support of a rehabilitation programme for Leah Goss. I would like to thank Whitehead Presbyterian church for the use their building and for providing supper!

Dates for January

Mon 9 th	Irish Dancing class starts again
Tues 10 th	Stage 1 interviews for Y2 teaching post
Thurs 12 th	Y7 pupils visiting Downshire
Thurs 12 th	Stage 1 Interviews for Y4 teaching post
Mon 16 th	7.30pm - Y7 parents meeting re Transfer Form
Tues 17 th	Stage 2 interviews for Y2 teaching post
Thurs 19 th	Stage 2 interviews for Y4 teaching post
Fri 20 th	Visit to Belfast Giants
Tues 24 th	7.30pm – Y6 parents meeting re Bushmills Trip
Tues 31 st	7.30pm – 'Big Bedtime Read' Nursery parents

Parent Teacher Consultations

- Y7 parent teacher consultations will take place week beginning Monday 30 January. You will have an opportunity to choose an interview time at the Y7 parents' meeting on Monday 16 January.
- Nursery & Y1 – Y6 parent teacher consultations will take place week beginning Monday 6 February.

- **IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 2.00PM FROM MONDAY 6 TO THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY.**
- **SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 2.00PM ON FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY AND WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY FROM MONDAY 13 TO FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY.**
- **SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY AT THE USUAL TIME.**

I would like take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your support and to wish you a Merry

