



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2019 Newsletter

Nursery & Primary 1 Open Night

We look forward to welcoming any parents of children who are ready to begin their educational journey in Nursery or Primary 1 to our school Open Night on Thursday 12 December, 4:00-6:00pm. This will give parents the opportunity to meet with staff and view the facilities. If you are aware of any parents of young families who may be in this position, feel free to share this information.

Christmas Concerts

The primary school Christmas Concerts during the past week have been fab-u-lous! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils and staff for all their hard work and thanks to the parents for supporting us so well. Over the course of the two mornings, generous donations made a total just over £650 for SANDS-The still-birth and neo-natal ward of Altnagelvin Hospital.

We now look forward to finishing these wonderful performances on Tuesday 10 December, when both our Nursery classes will be entertaining the crowds.

Christmas Carol Service

Our school carol service will be held in Ebrington Presbyterian Church on the last morning of school, Friday 20 December. More details of the arrangements around the service will be sent out closer to the time.

Car Parking/ On Site Traffic



Thank you to the majority of parents who have been following our requests regarding car parking and on site traffic.

Reminder: I ask parents to make sure they continue to **NOT** park up on the school paths/ kerbs. Also, please drive slowly and demonstrate patience while driving on school premises.

I ask for your continued support in this.

School Christmas Dinner

Thank you to those parents who have already let school know whether or not their child/ren wish to avail of a Christmas dinner in school. **Can I remind you that the closing date for ordering the Christmas dinner is Wednesday 11 December 2019.**

Cashless Meals System: Update

There have been a number of issues outside of school control in relation to the introduction of the school cashless system. We have now had our school computer system upgraded to Windows 10, so now just await some hardware and complete staff training. We **hope** to be in a position for sending out information re: data collection when we return after the Christmas break, to be ready to start the cashless system after February half-term. It will be for meals initially, but should work for all school payments when fully running.

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School Enrolment

The EA Admissions 'portal' has been further developed from last year and can be found at www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions. Applications can be made from noon on **Tuesday 7 January 2020 until noon on Thursday 30 January 2020**. This means parents making the application directly to EA, without involvement of school. School has updated admissions criteria and sent back to EA. The onus will very much be on parents to ensure they initiate the procedure. School will provide support, where possible.

Santa Claus is coming to Ebrington

On **Friday 13 December**, Santa Claus is visiting school. He has decided this year, once again, that he wants to meet all the boys and girls in school-after all in Ebrington, we believe in 'Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day'. To make this happen, we are running the day the same as last year. Each class will have a set time to visit Santa in his grotto and workshop during the school day. They will be accompanied by their class teacher and adult helpers. Some members of the PTA have very kindly offered to come and help Santa also.

Each child will receive a gift and have their photograph taken with Santa Claus. We are asking parents for some help this year. As we are holding this as our official 'Christmas Jumper' day and providing a photo for each child, **we are asking to give school a £2 donation per child, £4 maximum for families**. Please send this money in to the class teacher on either Thursday 12 or Friday 13 December.

REMINDER-THIS IS OUR NON-UNIFORM, CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Christmas Raffle

Please remember to return all raffle tickets to school no later than 12:00pm on Tuesday 17 December. We intend to make the draw at lunchtime on Wednesday 18 December. If technology allows, we will do it as a live Facebook feed through the school page! If you do not wish to purchase tickets, please return to the school office so that they may be passed on and re-sold.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER

Wednesday 11 th December	Senior Choir (Starbucks, Crescent Link)	1.15 pm
Thursday 12 th December	Nursery and Year 1 Open Days (Parent's only)	4.00 – 6.00 pm
Friday 13 th December	Day With Santa	All Day
Monday 16 th December	Senior Choir (St. Columb's Cathedral)	7.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Junior Choir (Starbucks, Crescent Link)	1.30 pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner (Whole School)	12 noon
Friday 20 th December	School Carol Service (Ebrington Church) (School Closes at 12 noon)	10.00 am

On behalf of the staff in Ebrington Primary School & Nursery Unit, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and many blessings for the year ahead.

