

November/December 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parent

2020 has been a year of great change, but through it all, the spirit of Christmas remains constant. As we prepare for the festive season and the most important event in the Christian calendar we find it heartening to reflect that Christmas has never been so significant in bringing people together. Now more than ever we need to join together to nurture and support one another.

In school life preparations for Christmas have been made with some alternations to keep everyone safe. No Christmas is complete without a pantomime. This year pupils will watch an online virtual Panto (Cinderella) that is performed live and fully interactive so the audience feels as if they are watching inside the theatre. The cast includes Harry Potter star Chris Rankin (Percy Weasley) along with Kimberley Hart-Simpson (Nicky Wheatley) in Coronation Street and Jessica Ellis from Hollyoaks.

The school Christmas post will be available but will operate within the classrooms. Pupils should post their Christmas cards in their class post box on Monday 7th December 2020 and they will be delivered on Friday 11th December 2020 this will allow time for them to rest.

Dates for your diary are as follows: -

Thursday 26th November

Monday 7th December

Wednesday 9th December

Thursday 10th December

Friday 11th December

Wednesday 16th December

Thursday 17th December

Friday 18th December

Switching on of Christmas Lights in Castlederg

Post Christmas cards in class post boxes

Annual reviews for Special Education Year 7 transfer pupils

Christmas Dinner

Class Christmas cards delivered

Cinderella Panto – live

Visit from Santa

‘Sweater 4 Simon’ – pupils and staff may wear their Christmas jumper and donate £1 to the charity.

SCHOOL CLOSES AT 12 NOON

Monday 4th January

School re-opens

Parents have a critical role to play in terms of both themselves and their children in trying to make sure that community transfer is kept to a minimum. Winter is party time for respiratory infections as we spend more time indoors and the cool temperatures help viruses survive. As Captain Tom said, “We are in a difficult situation but we’ll get through it if we all join together”.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of our local Ministers who have taken virtual assemblies.

Finally, as this COVID-19 pandemic has pushed us towards a constantly developing digital world we are delighted to inform you that we will be launching our new Edwards Primary School App on Monday 16th November 2020. The purpose of the app, which syncs with our school website is to provide instant and more effective communication between school and home to keep everyone informed about school life at Edwards. Details of how to download the app are on the reverse of this newsletter.

On behalf of everyone in the Edwards School community may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all of your support with school life throughout 2020 and wish you, your friends and families a joyous festive season filled with harmony and goodwill.

Take Care, Stay Safe and Look After Each Other as we all learn to co-exist with COVID-19.
With warmest regards for the festive season.

Ms E C Robinson – Principal

*Merry
Christmas*