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Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates

Monday 4 th December	Pinocchio Pantomime in school P1-P7
Friday 8 th December	Nursery morning children to Tyrebagger
Saturday 9 th December	Christmas School Fayre 10.00 – 2.00
Monday 11 th December	9.30 & 2.00 P1 - P3 Christmas concert
Tuesday 12 th December	Puppet show to visit the nursery (both am & pm)
Tuesday 12 th December	9.30 & 2.00 P4 – P7 Christmas concert
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December	P1-P7 to HMT for Pantomime (pm)
Thursday 14 th December	P1 Party (pm)
Friday 15 th December	P2 Party (pm)
Monday 18 th December	P3 Party (pm) & P2/3B
Tuesday 19 th December	P4 Party (pm)
Wednesday 20 th December	Nursery parties (both am and pm)
Wednesday 20 th December	P5 Party (pm)
Thursday 21 st December	P6 Party (pm)
Friday 22 nd December	Riverbank Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 22 nd December	9.30 P1-P7 to St George's Church
Friday 22 nd December	P7 Party (pm)
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term
Monday 8 th January 2018	First day of term.

Christmas Concerts

Please ensure any request for tickets is received by tomorrow Tuesday 5th December in order to ensure you receive tickets. Any spare tickets will be available for purchase from Wednesday 6th December – please visit the office if you would like some extra tickets.

Our Primary 7 children have invited some 'older' members of the community to the Christmas concert, therefore there will be 'Reserved Seating' at the concert (this will be clearly marked), please respect the children's wishes to ensure that all of the Tillydrone Community can join us for this event.

Parent Council Meeting

We held our most recent parent council meeting on Thursday 30th of November at 7.00 pm. We had arranged an evening meeting to allow some of our parents who cannot attend during the school day to join us. Disappointingly only the regular members of the parent council attended. Our next meeting is at 2.00pm on Monday 15th of January, with the following meeting at 7.00 pm on Thursday 22nd of February. We hope that these flexible arrangements mean that all who wish to support the work of the school have the opportunity to do so.

P1-P7 Trip to HMT

You will have now received the information regarding our trip to HMT on Wednesday 13th of December. Should you have any queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the office and they will forward your query to the relevant member of staff. As we will be leaving the school at 12.45 the children will have an early lunch that day (details below), it would be preferable if all the children remained in school for lunch on this day (they can bring a packed lunch if they prefer)

11.30 – 12.30 P4 – P7

11.45 – 12.45 P1 – P3

Christmas Jumper Day

The children have decided they would like to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day at Riverbank on Friday 22nd of December – we will ask the children to pay £1 and all monies raised will be donated to Save the Children.

Christmas Parties

Christmas party season is almost upon us and as mentioned in a previous newsletter we ask that the children come to school in the morning in their school uniform. They can either bring clothes to school to change in to or they can go home for lunch and come back all dressed for the party. Party food and prizes for games is provided by the school.

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch for the pupils this year will be on Tuesday 12th December. This will be a traditional Christmas lunch so please ensure your children understand what will be on the menu that day as we do not wish for anyone to be disappointed.

Christmas Service

All the children from P1-P7 will be walking to St George's Church (weather permitting) on Friday 22nd of December for 9.30 am – we would be delighted if as many parents and family members as possible could join us for this.

Christmas Fayre

The Parent Council School Fayre is on Saturday 9th of December from 10.00 – 2.00. There will be a variety of stalls, Santa will be there and there will be the popular tombola! Any donations towards the tombola (chocolates or bottles of any kind) would be gratefully received. There will also be a home bakes stall and would welcome any donations from parents for this.

Inclement Weather

As we have now entered a period of very cold weather could you please ensure your children come to school with the appropriate clothing for the conditions. It is really helpful if all children have gloves and a scarf (please make sure these are named) but it is essential that they all come to school with a warm winter jacket.

This week during the cold snap the playground was very icy, our part time janitor has clear instructions from ACC as to which paths to 'sand', these do not include the public paths and streets leading to the school so please ensure you and your children take care on these. The main part of the playground is not cleared; therefore the children will not be allowed out to play when the playground is icy.

School closure due to poor weather

It is highly unlikely that Riverbank School would close due to bad weather, if this were to happen then we would 'groupcall' a text message, update the ACC website and update our information line with this. We will only update the information line if the school is to close not every day we stay open. In poor weather we may decide to open the school and nursery late (to allow staff to arrive at school safely), if this were the case we would update parents in the same way as a school closure. It is very important that we have your up to date contact details so you can be alerted to any change to the school day as soon as possible. Local radio stations also broadcast up to date information regarding school closures.

Tuck Shop

The tuck shop organised by the school catering service will stop at the end of this term (you may not be aware of this tuck shop as only a small amount of children were accessing it), there will be a some stock available until the end of term until everything is sold. However, we suggest that from now on you provide your child with snack as they may be disappointed if the tuck shop is sold out. There will be no Tuck shop as of Monday 8th of January.