



December 2021 Newsletter


CAN YOU HELP OUR COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS BY DONATING TO OUR CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL!


WHAT: Donation of non-perishable food items with good sell by dates	WHERE: The Waterside Parish Office or Hillcrest Community Hub Trench Rd	WHEN: We ask that all donations could be received by Sunday 12th December
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Toy Appeal



Thank-you for your generosity and have a Merry Christmas

We are supporting The Waterside Parish Appeal this year. We would ask that all donations of money, non-perishable goods or unwrapped toys be directly delivered to The Waterside Parish Office or Hillcrest Community Hub by Sunday 12th December.



Our Student Council have been busy preparing for our school's promotional video to share with our school community.

Our digital leaders have been setting up our new ipads; downloading apps and connecting them to the school's internet.

The Eco-Committee have been organising a school clean-up. They have also been encouraging our school community to turn off lights and plugs when not in use with helpful visual reminders.



Friends of Good Shepherd



We are so blessed to have such a supportive school community and we are very grateful for the continued support of the Friends of Good Shepherd. This year they will be hosting a Christmas fun day for the children including a visit by Mrs Claus, Christmas games, a movie and disco. The Friends of Good Shepherd will also be holding a raffle in aid of school funds. **They are asking for local businesses to donate a prize- anything at all!** Please leave donations at the school office. All money raised will be used to support and enhance the children’s learning experiences. **Tickets will be priced at £5 each and can be purchased via parent pay or with cash from the school office.** The raffle will be held on Monday 21st December. **Thank you for your ongoing support.**



School Enrolment SEPTEMBER 2022, FAO Prospective Nursery & P1 children.

Information on the procedures for school admissions in September 2022 will be available on the EA website: www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions **on Friday 17th December 2021** for Pre-school (Nursery) and Primary 1 places. Parents/Guardians apply on-line directly on the EA admissions portal. The portal is open for applications from Monday 10th January 2022 at noon. An application will be treated as punctual if received on or before 28th January 2022 at noon. Post-primary applications are also going online this year, rather than the traditional forms that were completed. Exact dates have yet to be given for this, but it should be during January/February 2022. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to hold an open morning for prospective parents and children, however a virtual tour is available on our school website and social media platforms-please share! The school prospectus is in the ‘Our School’ section of the school website. www.goodshepherdps.net

Date	What’s on?
29/11/21	School closed for children. Parent/Guardian meetings Nursery-Primary 6
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1/2/21	Primary 6 & Primary 7 Mr Herron’s class swimming
1/12/21	Dance after school club (FINAL WEEK FOR PRIMARY 1 ONLY)
2/12/21	Maiden City Soccer (WEEK 10 FINAL WEEK FOR P1,2,3 & 4)
2/12/21	Flu Vaccine administration in school



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6/12/21	Maiden City Soccer (WEEK 10 FINAL WEEK FOR P5,6 & 7)
7/12/21	Primary 7 Mrs Forbes class swimming
7/12/21	Multi-Sport After school club WEEK 1 P1-P7
8/12/21	Primary 6 & Primary 7 Mr Herron's class swimming
8/12/21	Dance After school club WEEK 1 P1- 4
12/12/21	Donations to the Waterside Parish Appeal Deadline
14/12/21	Primary 7 Mrs Forbes class swimming
14/12/21	Multi-Sport After school club WEEK 2 P1-P7
15/12/21	Christmas Dinner is being served Children can wear their Christmas jumpers along with their uniform skirt/trousers from today to the end of term on 22/12/21.
15/12/21	Primary 6 & Primary 7 Mr Herron's class swimming
15/12/21	Dance After school club WEEK 2 P1- 4
16/12/21	A special visitor is arriving at Good Shepherd Ho Ho Ho!
17/12/21	Primary 7 visit the Ulster American Folk Park
17/12/21	Nursery Finish for Christmas Holidays
21/12/21	No swimming this week for P7 Mrs Forbes class
21/12/21	Friends of Good Shepherd Christmas Funday!
21/12/21	Multi-Sport After school club WEEK 2 P1-P7
22/12/21	School closes a half day for the Christmas holidays. Dinner will be available on this day. Primary 1 & 2 finish at 11.45am, Primary 3 & 4 at 11.50am and P5, P6 & P7 at 12 noon.
School Closed Thursday 23 rd December 2021- Tuesday 4 th January 2022 (inclusive)	
School reopens on Wednesday 5th January 2022 for all children.	
On behalf of all the staff we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas!	

Staff Gifts

Whilst we, as staff really appreciate your gifts at Christmas, this year we would like you instead to either contribute to a local charity, perhaps donate to a local foodbank or shoebox appeal, or to give a little extra to a deserving family member in what has been a very challenging year for many.

Members of the Schools Safeguarding team are:

The Chair of the Board of Governors (Mrs M. Hegarty)

The Designated Governor for Child Protection (Mrs M Hegarty)

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs Maria Harley)

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs S. McCafferty). Other members of Safeguarding Team:

Mrs P. Houston/Mrs R Warne /Mrs F Desmond/Mrs M Mc Cormack/Mr D Herron.



School policies can be found on the school website under the 'My School' section. There is also a wide range of support information for parents in the 'Parents Section' of the school website. This is updated regularly. The holiday list for the next academic year and updated menus for school dinners can also be accessed here.

Covid-19 Information

- **Parents/Guardians must wear a mask (unless medically exempt) and exercise social distancing in and around the school gates.**
- **Check your child's temperature every morning before they come to school**
- **If your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and book a PCR test**
- **Please keep us informed to keep our school community safe Thank you!**



Teaching and Learning starts at 9am each day. Please ensure that your child is dropped off for school on time.

Useful information from the PHA:

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		