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## **DECEMBER NEWS**

### **CHRISTMAS SHOWS**

The school Christmas shows will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and 6.30pm. Tickets are now on sale for both performances. We would ask that small children **do not** attend the performances as this can be very distracting for the pupils and they have worked very hard for this event. If you have already purchased a ticket for a young child, please see Mrs Marshall for a refund. Please note that all playgroup children will have an opportunity to see older siblings at the dress rehearsal.

On the day of the Christmas shows school will finish at 12 noon to allow the children to have a rest before the evening performance. Pupils who are entitled to free school meals must return the slip to school in order to be provided with a packed lunch to take home.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Could all donations for the Christmas hampers please be in school by Mon 4<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale at both Christmas performances and also in the school foyer from 8.40-9.00am from Mon 11<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are priced at £1 each

### **CHRISTMAS POSTBOX**

Christmas cards can be brought in from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure the child's name and class is written on the envelopes. There will be no charge for this.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

School Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. This will also be our Christmas Jumper Day and we would ask that all pupils bring in £1. This year the School Council have chosen the Make a Wish Foundation as their chosen charity and all money raised will be donated in memory of Liam McCallum.

### **HEBRON CAROL SERVICE**

The whole school have very kindly been invited to the Hebron Carol service on Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December. The children will take part in the carol service and stay afterwards for a buffet lunch. The children will be leaving school at 11.30 am and will return to school at approx. 2.30pm. To help cover transport costs there will be a charge of £2 per child or £3 per family. As pupils will not be having lunch until after 1pm we would suggest

that you send a substantial break on this day. Extra break can also be ordered from the kitchen.

### **PTA EASYFUNDRAISING**

There is still time to register with [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org). who partner with over 7,000 brands and donate part of what you spend to the registered body at no extra cost to you. To find out more, scan the QR code or follow the link below.



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/william-pinkerton-pta>

### **CHRISTMAS MOVIE DAY**

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December is 'Movie Day'. Children can bring a few treats to eat during the movie (N.B. No nuts) They do not need to bring a drink apart from their normal water bottles.

### **SWIMMING SUCCESS**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December Grace Clyde (P7) will represent the William Pinkerton at the Swim Ulster Primary Schools Cup + Championships. This is the first time that anyone has represented the school to this level in swimming. We are so proud of Grace and we wish her all the best for the competition on the 9<sup>th</sup>!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Christmas Jumper Day – Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December

School Christmas Dinner – Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December

Football Tournament @ JDLC – 1:30pm – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

P7 Taster Day Ballymoney High – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

Hebron Carol Service – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Shows – Thur 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 10am & 6.30pm

Movie Day – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December

End of term – Thur 21<sup>st</sup> December @ 12 noon

Start of term – Thur 4<sup>th</sup> January