



# EDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## DECEMBER 2023



**SPONSORED BOUNCE** Again my sincere thanks for your very kind contributions to our annual bounce. Currently we have raised in excess of £2,800.00.

**SANTA'S GROTTO/SCHOOL FAIR – FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023 – 6.00 pm-8.00 pm**

Please do come along and give the Fair your full support. Attractions – grotto with excellent gift and photograph, Hotdogs available as well as tea and biscuits, face painting, crafts for children, games competitions, bottle stall, bran tub, washing line of goodies, luxury hamper and much, much more. Please remember anyone who can donate prizes, business vouchers etc for this event, these will be very well received.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** Please note all Clubs finished on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 except Activity Club and Homework Club which will finish on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Choir will finish on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

**PTA DISCO – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – P1 – P3 – 6.00 – 7.00 pm and P4 – P7 – 7.15 – 8.15 pm.**

**P1 – P2 Christmas Play** At 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Primary 1 and Primary 2 will perform “The Bossy King”. Please note the children should come to school in their PE uniform. The performance will last approximately 30 minutes and children will remain in school after the performance and go home at 1.55 pm/2.00 pm as is normal closing time.

**P3 – P4 Christmas Play** At 7.00 pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Primary 3 and Primary 4 will perform “Santa’s on Strike”.

Due to space restrictions in the Assembly Hall, this year for the P3/P4 performance we are issuing tickets (2 per family initially). A note will be sent home allowing you to order your tickets and also request additional ones, should they be available. Tickets will cost £3.00 each.

For all performances could I respectfully ask you to consider that the children have worked extremely hard towards their “big day”, they only have little voices and they want to be heard. One “noisy” child can spoil a performance, it would therefore be more appropriate if you could arrange to have younger children looked after!

Car parking will be available in the playground for those attending the shows. The gates will open from 9.30 am for the morning performance and 6.30 pm for the evening performance. Please do not park in School Court or indeed anywhere that prevents emergency access. Thank you.

**P5 – P7 CAROL SERVICE** On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 1.00 pm the Primary 5 – Primary 7 children will hold their annual Carol Service in St. Colman’s Church, Larne Road, Carrickfergus. **Primary 4 children who are members of the school choir will also attend this service. All other Primary 4 children will remain in school.** Due to space restrictions within the church, it is only possible to invite parents from Primary 5, 6 and 7 and those in Primary 4 who have children in the choir to this service. A retiring collection will be taken at the end of this service and forwarded to a local charity.

**EARLY CLOSING** Please note that all children will go home at 2.00 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Those at St. Colman’s Church will leave directly after the finish of the service at approximately 1.50 pm and should be collected at the church. Primary 1 – Primary 3 and those children from Primary 4 who are not in the choir will go home at 2.00 pm leaving from school.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT** The 2022/2023 Board of Governors Report is now available. If you would like a copy, please contact Mrs Logan.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** This Club continues to grow in numbers and operates from 8.05 am – 8.40 am each morning at a cost of £2.00 per child per morning. **Could I please remind parents that no child should be left in school before 8.05 am and that the last entry into the Breakfast Club should be no later than 8.20 am.**



## **SPEED LIMIT**

I would also take this opportunity of reminding all about the speed limit through the village and indeed on Edenvale Avenue/Trailcock Road as we are coming to a very busy time of year and although we are in a hurry, safety is paramount. We would also encourage parents to come along Edenvale Avenue from the Kilroot end – to try to keep in place a one-way system.

## **PRIMARY 1 - INTAKE 2023**

Official application forms for a Primary 1 place in September 2023 are available online from noon on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January with a closing date of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Information is available from the end of November on the Education Authority Website at [www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions). If you have a child, or indeed know of a child who intends to apply for a place, and we do not already have them on our list, please contact Mrs Logan with details. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** – A very big ‘THANK YOU’ to Village Eats for providing all our hotdogs for our Christmas Fair. We are extremely grateful for their generosity!

**KILROOT PLAYGROUP FAIR** The Playgroup will be holding their Fair on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** between 12.30-1.30pm. It will be held in Eden Community Centre.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS** The School will close on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12.15pm. **There will be no lunches that day.** We reopen on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you all for your support this year and wish you on behalf of myself, the staff and the pupils best wishes for the Festive Season.

*M. Sheeran – Principal*

## **DATES TO NOTE**

### **DECEMBER**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> at 6.00 – 8.00 pm – School Fair with Santa’s Grotto

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas Disco P1 – P3 – 6.00 – 7.00pm and P4 – P7 – 7.15 – 8.15pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am – Primary 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm – Primary 3 and Primary 4 Christmas Performance

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 1.00 pm – Primary 5, 6 and 7 – Carol Service in St. Colman’s Church

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Early closing of school at 2.00 pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – School closes at 12.15 pm for Christmas Holidays

### **JANUARY**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> School reopens

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Opera House

Please note no morning school. School will open at 12.15 pm to receive children who are travelling to the Grand Opera House to see “Snow White”. Return time 4.15 pm for collection at Edenvale Avenue gate.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE LAYBY AT THE LARNE ROAD AS THIS IS NEEDED TO PARK THE BUSES IN ON OUR RETURN**