

AUGHNACLOY PRIMARY CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

- ✓ This year we are performing 'The Christmas Story Through Song' and are appealing for assistance with costumes. We need dressing gowns, night shirts, old tea towels, old towels, old bed linen/curtains etc. Please DO NOT go out and buy any of these, we are appealing to anyone who perhaps already has these at home. Many thanks in anticipation for your assistance.
- ✓ As the dark mornings & evenings have set in we would appeal to parents to please exercise extreme caution with regards safety of children walking to and from school. A reminder that Fri 26 is our 'Ditch The Dark' Non-Uniform Day. We would ask as many children as possible to dress up in really bright clothes and either walk, cycle or scoot to school that morning, even for just a short part of the way. Children will be bringing home a hi-vis jacket courtesy of Sustrans to wear to school on Fri.
- ✓ The School Choir will perform at the switching on of Aughnacloy's Christmas Lights on Sat 25 Nov & the children will meet at the main stage at 6.15pm to sing at 6.30pm. Also, if you would like your child to be an elf at the switch on, please sign below giving your child permission to participate in the Christmas Parade. This will involve your child dressing up as an elf (costume will be provided) and helping Santa on the night. We will be putting willing participants' names in a hat to choose 3 elves. Further details regarding times and locations for elves to meet will be sent out to the relevant children. Please return the slip tomorrow as names will be put in a hat tomorrow and the successful elves will bring home the relevant details. We will be making a donation to Aughnacloy Christmas Lights Fund and a huge congratulations is extended again to Mr Paddy Douglas and his team who organised the recent successful 5-mile walk fundraiser for this project.
- ✓ Our School Christmas Performance is on Thursday 07 December at 7.00pm in Aughnacloy College. As usual, we hope to raise money for our School Fund through admission and raffle ticket sales. We will be holding a raffle during the night for various prizes, including a number of luxurious Christmas Hampers as in previous years. The entrance fees are as follows:

Adult (over 16's)	£5
Child (2-16 yrs old)	£3
Family (2 adults and 2 children 2-16 yrs old)	£12
Under 2yrs old	FOC

- ✓ We would ask you to please let your child's Teacher know by return if your child **is not** going to be available for their part in the performance on 07.
- ✓ Children do not have to be in school until 10am on Fri 08 Dec, please note that no buses are available at this later time.
- ✓ Our School Christmas Dinner will be in school on Tues 12 December at £2.60 per child. All children will go home at 1.45pm that day. Buses will NOT be available so please make arrangements to have your children collected at this earlier time.
- ✓ The School Choir will perform in Copperfields Nursing Home on Mon 11 Dec & in Tesco Dungannon on Wed 13 Dec from 11am to 11.30am.

- ✓ We have decided this year to support the 'Cancer Fund for Children' Presents for Pounds Appeal and donation envelopes will be sent out in due course. Return any donations by Fri 15 Dec.
- ✓ It is fast approaching Christmas and we would also take this opportunity to appeal for each family to please send in items for our Christmas raffle. As before, we intend to make up a number of Christmas Hampers and gifts to raffle off during the Christmas Performance which is a huge success every year. For all new parents, the Hampers usually contain food & drink, toiletries, toys, biscuits, sweets etc. Can we please appeal for all items to be sent into school by Fri 01 December as we intend to put the hampers together on Mon 04 & Wed 06 Dec. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who have already volunteered to help and would appeal to any others who are free and willing to help with this task, we promise to keep a flow of coffee coming!
- ✓ The Christmas Performance will be recorded on DVD and these will be available for purchasing @ £12.00 each. We would ask you to please complete and return the attached pre-order slip, along with the appropriate money, before Tuesday 05. In previous years we have been left with quite a few DVDs that were ordered and then not taken so to eliminate this happening this year, we will only order DVD's that we have received money for. Please note that Tuesday 05 will be the final date for receiving orders and money.
- ✓ As you also know, our Christmas Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' is in Armagh on Tuesday 19 and the following applies:
 - * We intend leaving school at 10.00am SHARP.
 - * Children wear full school uniform and a hooded coat.
 - * They bring any medication needed.
 - * We will be stopping at KFC for something to eat on the way home from the Panto & the children will get their pre-paid Goody Bags during the interval.
 - * They do not need to bring a school bag with them.
 - * We will return back to school at approximately 2.40pm.
 - * Panto money needs to be paid in full by Fri 01 Dec.

To minimise unnecessary Health & Safety risks, we must insist that parents do not park along the footpath at the small gate in front of the school as this will obstruct the children's safe entry into the school premises off the buses. Both the school car-park and the Playing Fields car-park are available. Also we will not release any children to parents standing on the footpath, all children will be handed over once they are safely in through the school gates away from the busy main road. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

✓ Please ensure that Dinner Money & Homework Club Money are sent in each Monday and that our yellow money envelopes are always used & clearly marked, with a separate envelope used for each activity & the correct amount sent in.

✓ An Aghnacloy Primary School Christmas Tree will be on display at Clonaneese Tree Festival from Fri 01—Sun 03 Dec. Our pupils' photos will be displayed on baubles hung on a tree that we have made. Please let us know if you do not wish your child's photo to be exhibited.

- ✓ Friday 15 is our annual Christmas Jumper Day when children will pay £1 to wear their Christmas themed jumpers, all money will be donated to Save The Children.
- ✓ School will close at 12 noon on Wed 20 for Christmas Holidays, early lunch will be served and buses will be available at this earlier time to take the relevant children home. This will also be our December Non-Uniform Day.
- ✓ Children return to school on Wed 03 January 2018.
- ✓ Applications for September 2018 P1 pupils will be in school before the Christmas break and our Open Afternoon is Mon 08 Jan 1—2pm.
- ✓ P3 & P4 commence their swimming lessons in Monaghan on Tues 09 Jan, further details shall be sent out to the relevant children.
- ✓ AS Zumba commences Wed 10 Jan for 5 weeks.
- ✓ Sign2Music sessions with Mrs Jennifer Agnew commence on Fri 12 Jan for P1 & P2 pupils.
- ✓ We are enclosing an Information Sheet from NSPCC giving guidelines on how to keep your child safe online.
- ✓ Also enclosed is the latest Scholastic Magazine and we would ask that all orders with relevant money be received in school by Tues 28 Nov

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE RECORDING – 07.12 .17

Name: _____

I would like to order_____ **copies of DVD, priced at £12.00 each**

Total Enclosed: £_____

Signed: _____

CHRISTMAS ELF—SATURDAY 25.11.17

My child _____ **would like to take part in the Christmas Parade in Aughnacloy on Sat 25.11.17.**

Signed: _____

Dated: _____