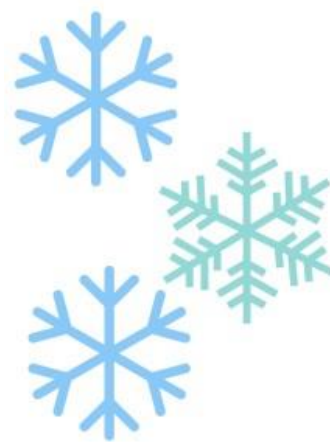




St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School January 2020 Newsletter

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New Year – We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Catholic Schools Week – 26th January to 2nd February. The theme this year is 'Living in Harmony with God's Creation'. Pupils will be engaged in lessons and activities throughout the week. There will be a whole parish gathering to celebrate Mass for Catholic Schools Week on Friday 31st January at 10am in Holy Cross Church. We invite families and the parish community to join with us. As part of the preparation, Karen McElroy and Paul Flynn will be visiting the school over the coming weeks to tutor the choir.

Do This in Memory – Next Mass is on Sunday 26th January at 11:30am in Holy Cross Church.

Admissions 2019 – Admissions to Nursery and P1 for September 2020 opened on Tuesday 7th January at 12noon. The process will close at 12noon on Thursday 30th January. Applications after that will be considered as late applications. The process will take place online on the Education Authority website (www.eani.org.uk). Any parent who requires assistance in making an application is welcome to contact the school.

Christmas Plays – A huge well done to P1, P3 and P6 pupils who performed brilliantly in their plays before Christmas. A lot of effort was put into learning lines, songs, action and drama for these events. Many thanks to teachers and classroom assistants for their effort, enthusiasm and dedication also. Thanks to parents for their support along the way.

Donation – Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas Plays and to those who gave donations. The total amount raised was £870 which will be donated to the Neo-Natal Unit at the South West Acute Hospital.

PTFA – Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas Draw. Well done to all the prize winners and also to the pupils who won in the Children's Draw. The total amount raised was £1814.80.

Any parent who would like a digital copy of class photos may contact the school.

Inspection – The school had an inspection on Safeguarding and Child Protection by the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) on Monday 13th January.

Photographer – The School Photographer will be in school on Monday 20th January from 8:30am onwards.

Extra learning – Mr Shannon will be providing extra literacy and numeracy lessons for P6 pupils on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8:30am – 9:15am) beginning Tuesday 28th January. Further details to follow.

Breakfast Club – will be provided for pupils P1 – P4 initially on a daily basis beginning Monday 20th January 8:30 – 8:55am. Cost is 50p per child per day. This is not being provided to P5 – P7 pupils currently as they have access to the canteen at break time. Toast or pancake or muffin or croissant and a drink (Juice, water, milk).

Homework Club – We are thinking of starting a Homework Club in the near future. It will run from Monday to Thursday (3 – 5pm) and Friday (3 – 4pm). The cost will be £2 per child per day Monday to Thursday and £1 per child on Friday. A light snack will also be provided. If you are interested in your child attending, please let Christina know asap. If there are sufficient numbers we will send out further details.

Music – P5 clarinet tuition continues every Monday with Neil Guy from the EA Music Service. Pupils are reminded to bring their clarinet to school. The school has met the considerable cost of tuition and expects pupils to bring their clarinet. If forgotten, parents will be expected to drop it off at the school in time for lessons.

P3 and P4 are participating in Musical Pathways every Tuesday afternoon. Again, the school has met the cost of these lessons.

Folk Tales of Fermanagh – Carlo Gebler will read a number of folk tales to P7 pupils on Thursday 16th January.

Fundamental Skills – will begin on Wednesday 29th January (3 – 4pm) for P3 pupils and Thursday 30th (3 – 4pm) for P5 pupils. The club will run for 10 weeks and cost £25. Further details will be issued to pupils. Tutor is Sammy Owens.

News from the Nursery

Big Bedtime Read

Could you spare 10 minutes to come into Nursery to read one of your child's favourite books?

If so, please let us know and you can choose a day that is suitable for you, it would mean coming in at 11am (morning group) / 2.30pm (afternoon group) on a given day and reading to the children.

It would be a wonderful opportunity for your child, as it gives them their 'moment in the spotlight' and they get to introduce their Mum, Dad, Childminder, Granny, Grandad, Aunt or Uncle to their friends in Nursery. (Starting 27th of January)

People who help Us – Our New Topic

Do you do a job that 'helps' somebody? Are you a vet? A beautician? Builder? Postal worker? Taxi driver? Fire fighter? Health care worker? Teacher? Construction worker?

We would love you to come in and talk to the children for 5 minutes about your job and give them a sense of what you do? We welcome **ALL parents in ALL roles** to avail of this opportunity to support our new topic and give the children a 'first hand experience' from you!

Please speak to Miss Power if you could help us out.

A big thank you to our local dentist, Monica Shields for coming in and teaching the children the importance of brushing their teeth regularly and ensuring they carefully brush the 'big bumpy back teeth'. Monica is always a great support to our Nursery and it is wonderful to give the children a first hand experience!