

AUGHNACLOY PRIMARY

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

- ✓ 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. On the note of safety, parents with younger children are asked to please keep them under controlled supervision while waiting to collect older siblings from school at 1.45pm & 2.45pm. School gates are often left open at these times and younger children could easily run out on to the road or carpark unless they are closely supervised.
- ✓ We are sending home with each family sheets of Christmas Raffle Squares which we will draw out during our Christmas Performances on Wednesday 18 December. As most of you know from previous years, there are well over 50 prizes in our raffle, each one worth many pounds and as this is one of our main fundraisers, we would appeal to you to please sell the squares to your family, friends, wider circle, places of work etc. They are £1.00 per square and we would ask that buyers write their name **CLEARLY, along with a contact telephone number** in each square they purchase. Your help is very much appreciated. We will require all sheets to be in by Friday 13 December along with any relevant money, extra sheets are available in school and will be available on the night.
- ✓ Panto money is to be paid in full by Fri 29 November.
- ✓ The School Choir is performing at the switching on of Aughnacloy's Christmas Lights at 5pm this Saturday, 30th.
- ✓ Children will be walking up to Supervalu at various times in December to post their letters to Santa so please ensure they have warm hooded coats with them every day.
- ✓ All Dungannon Festival entries are to be received in school by Wed 04 Dec.
- ✓ Aughnacloy College Principal, Mr Reid, will speak to P7 pupils on Monday 09.
- ✓ Our School Christmas Dinner will be in school on Wed 11 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.
- ✓ School is closed Thursday 12 due to the Election.
- ✓ Fri 13 is Save The Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day. Children have the option of paying £1 to wear theirs to school today. All proceeds will be donated to the charity.
- ✓ School PTA are meeting in school on Mon 16 @ 1.45pm. to put together Christmas Hampers. Our Panto trip is today & all children will return for normal home times. Unfortunately KFC have not been able to accommodate us this year but children will be treated to a goody bag.
- ✓ Our KS1 Dress Rehearsal is on Tues 17—all children in P1—P3 are to stay in school until 2.45pm on this day.
- ✓ Our School Christmas Performances are on Wed 18 December—P1-P3 at 10am & P4-P7 @ 7.00pm, both in Aughnacloy College. 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. As usual, we hope to raise money for our School Fund through admission and raffle ticket sales. We will be holding a raffle for various prizes as in previous years & Raffle Squares are being sent out today for selling. 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

Please note that children will be required to be at the College for 6.30pm for the Wednesday night performance. Doors will not open until PTA members are set up and ready to welcome parents at the entrance door from 6.20pm.

- ✓ We are appealing 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 13 December as we intend to put the hampers together on Mon 16. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those parents who have already volunteered to help & appeal to any others who are free and willing to help with this task.
- ✓ The School Choir will sing for the residents of Copperfields Nursing Home on 19 December and will present the gifts that were donated for Holmes community drive for Care Homes.
- ✓ Our Christmas Performances will be recorded on separate DVDs and these will be available for purchasing @ £12.00 each or 2 for £20. We would ask you to please complete and return the attached pre-order slip, along with the appropriate money, before Friday 13. 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 DVDs that we have received money for. Please note that Fri 13 will be the final date for receiving orders and money.
- ✓ We are appealing for Robin Hood like costumes for our P4-P7 performance — bows & arrows, capes, monk's habits, maids-in-waiting outfits, toy axes etc.
- ✓ Children are to start school at 10am on Thurs 19—there will be no buses available at this later time so please make arrangements for your child to be brought in on that morning. Thurs 19 & Fri 20 will be our December Non-Uniform Days but children **DO NOT NEED TO PAY £1 THIS MONTH.**
- ✓ School will close at 12 noon on Fri 20 for Christmas Holidays, no dinners are being served and buses will be available at this earlier time to take the relevant children home.
- ✓ This year again, we have decided to donate one of our Christmas Hampers to a local pensioner so please complete and return the attached Nomination Slip if you would like to put someone's name forward for the draw on Tuesday 17.

JANUARY 2019:

Children return to school on Tuesday 07 January.

- ✓ Applications for September 2020 P1 pupils opens at noon online on Tues 07.
- ✓ Our Open Afternoon is Thurs 09 January, times to be confirmed.
- ✓ P7 commence their swimming lessons in Monaghan on Thurs 09.

PENSIONER HAMPER NOMINATION CHRISTMAS 2019

Name of Pensioner: _____

Nominated by: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES RECORDINGS

Family Name: _____

I would like to order copies of DVDs, priced at £12.00 each or 2 for £20:

Number of copies for P1-P3 performance _____ Number of copies for P4-P7 performance _____

Total Enclosed: £ _____ Signed: _____