



Dromore Road Primary School

Upper Dromore Road
Warrenpoint
County Down
BT34 3JH

26th November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been a very different term for us here at Dromore Road and we cannot congratulate our pupils enough on how well they have adapted to the new school day and routines. As we approach the Christmas period, we aim to make the month of December as much fun as possible for our children. Please find outlined some arrangements for the coming weeks.

Friday 4th December - PTA Art Competition

To put everyone in the mood for Christmas, the PTA are holding a Christmas Tree Competition, with a prize for the best overall entry in each year group. Next week as part of the pupils' homework, the children will be asked to make and decorate a Christmas tree from a cereal box or other recycled materials. Rather than bring these into school, pupils should send a photo via Seesaw so that it can be printed off and displayed in school. All entries must be submitted for judging by Friday 4th December.

Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

This year, the School Meals Service are providing Christmas Snack Boxes as an alternative to our traditional Christmas dinner. All children can wear their Christmas jumpers or festive hats/ hair bands. We would kindly ask children to bring a donation of £1 on this day to support the **Save the Children** Christmas Jumper Appeal.

Thursday 10th December – Beauty and the Beast Online Panto

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we are unable to go to the theatre for the annual panto experience but instead have registered to view the Southern Regional College's online panto 'Beauty and the Beast' on Thursday 10th. Pupils are welcome to bring some sweets or goodies to eat during the performance and fingers crossed the technology works!!

Friday 11th December – Christmas Fun day

Each class teacher will be organising a party/ movie day in their class bubble. Pupils are welcome to wear their ordinary clothes or festive clothing to school on this day.

Christmas Performance

We are disappointed not to be able to celebrate Christmas in our usual way but we are still determined that our children should get the chance to mark this important time in our religious calendar. Over the next week we plan to record songs and readings from each class which we will collate and upload to the website for you to enjoy.

Homework

Homework will finish for all pupils from Friday 4th December.

Open Day

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we have been recommended not to hold an Open Day this year. If you know any parents who wish to visit the school, please ask them to contact the school office to make alternative arrangements. We would ask all prospective parents to note that open online enrolment for nursery and P1



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pupils (September 2021) will commence from 7th January and closes 12 noon Friday 29th January 2021. The online portal can be accessed at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place>

Christmas Holidays

School will close from 12 noon on Friday 18th December and a staggered closure will take place to avoid congestion. Please note the following times:

P6/7 and P1 - 12 noon

P4/5 - 12.05pm

P2/3 - 12.10pm

School will reopen on Tuesday 5th January for all pupils.

As always, things remain very uncertain and we will let you know immediately if the NI Executive recommends any changes.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S. McGrath
Principal