**EDENDERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

 **November 2022**

As we approach the end of the first term of the school year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the Edenderry community for their continued support.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Please ensure you **ALWAYS inform the school office** of any changes to addresses or mobile/home telephone numbers, your child’s medical condition etc.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE**

The school website has recently been renewed and is currently being updated.

**CHRISTMAS PLANS**

This year see’s the return of **P1-P4 Christmas Nativity** and a **Carol Service in Holy Trinity** led by Key Stage 2 pupils. You will find dates and times in ‘Dates for your Diary’ at the end of this Newsletter. Further details to follow.

Each year we take pride in supporting a local charity. This year we are working in conjunction with Friends of Edenderry to support a local foodbank **STOREHOUSE and BPOSTIVIE.**

**FUNDRAISING**

Thankfully, we have an incredibly supportive body of parents who are dedicated to our school and continually make a positive impact by encouraging the staff in all we do. Friends of Edenderry do a fabulous job and each year raise money to help support learning and teaching throughout the school.

You have now received a letter from Friends of Edenderry regarding School Funds for 2022-2023. Donations received are invaluable in helping to resource our school to support your child’s education. In December, we will complete the replacement of all of the interactive boards, this is one of the most used resources in each room. Additionally, FOE has supported staff in gaining grants to purchase sensory equipment and has supported each class by providing equipment and resources.

The staff would like to thank Friends of Edenderry for their continued hard work in fundraising and to all parents for their financial support for the school.

# **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS**

We acknowledge that if a child is sick he/she should be kept off school. All absences must be explained in writing on the child’s return to school. A pro forma is available on the school website. As a whole school we would like your cooperation in improving our rate of attendance and in turn reducing the days of lost learning. It is also important to have your child in school ready to start their day at 8.45am. Late arrivals, while sometimes unavoidable, result in missed learning and teaching and can be unsettling for the late pupil and those who are already started their work.

If your child is consistently absent or arriving late to school the Principal/Vice-Principal will contact you to discuss how this can be improved.

**Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.**

Below you will see how see how attendance is graded by Department of Education.

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| 100%  | O Days Missed | Excellent |
| 95%  | 9 Days of Absence1 Week & 4 Days of Learning Missed | Satisfactory |
| 90%  | 19 Days of Absence3 Weeks & 4 Days of Learning Missed | Poor |
| 85%  | 28 Days of Absence5 Weeks & 3 Days of Learning Missed | Very Poor |
| 80%  | 38 Days of Absence7 Weeks & 3 Days of Learning Missed | Unacceptable |
| 75%  | 46 Days of Absence9 Weeks & 1 Day of Learning Missed |

If your child’s attendance falls below 85% with no explanation then the Education Welfare Officer may contact you to ensure this is improved.

**DONATIONS IN LIEU OF PRESENTS/GIFTS**

Parents of over the years have shown their appreciation to all staff in school by buying gifts. They were always gratefully received and appreciated. As a staff, we recognize how fortunate we are to have jobs to support us and our families at this difficult time.

This year we ask you again, **not to send in presents** but instead donate to the local food bank – Storehouse.

**Items can be sent into school with your child to the class teacher from Monday 12 December to Tuesday 20 December**.

**FRIENDS OF EDENDERRY**

Follow Friends of Edenderry on their Facebook page for more information on their activities!

***Fund raising in Term 1***

***Children in Need £543.00***

***Macmillan Nurses £1570.00***

**P1 ADMISSIONS 2023**

We would ask that if you are aware of any new P1 pupils looking to enroll in Edenderry PS in September 2023, could you please inform them of these arrangements.

**An OPEN AFTERNOON for prospective P1 parents will be held on Wednesday 4th January, 1.00pm-3.00pm, prospective children are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend on this date, please contact the school office to arrange a visit to the school.**

**- School office Tele: 028 406 22082.**

**Applying for a Primary School Place**

You will need to apply for a Primary 1 place for September 2023 if your child was born between 2 July 2018 and 1 July 2019, or if you differed P1 entry in September 2022.

The Citizen Portal for online applications opens at 12.00 noon on 10 January 2023 and closes at 12.00 noon on 27 January 2023 for September 2023 admissions.

The Admissions Criteria will be published online 13 December 2022 along with guidance on how to complete your application.

The Admissions Helpdesk 028 9598 5595 will be available for digital assistance

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**2nd December Christmas Jumper Daily Mile (to be worn over school uniform)**

**2nd December P5 Assembly at 9.00am, Parents of P5 pupils invited.**

**5th – 7th December P6F Shannaghmore**

**7th-9th December P6S Shannaghmore**

**13th-15th December FS & KS1 Nativity 10.15am**

**16th December 10.00am Carol Service in Holy Trinity Church**

**20th December Class Christmas Parties organized by Friends of Edenderry**

**21st December Last day of term (see below departure times)**

**4th January Open afternoon 1.00pm-3.00pm**

**5th January Return to school (school open 8.30am)**

**10th -27th January P1 Admissions Portal Open**

**1st -23rd February Post Primary Admissions Portal Open**

**4th February AQE Results**

**6th-10th February Parent Teacher Meetings**

**13th -17th February Half Term School Closure**

**17th March St Patrick’s Day School Closure**

**8th April Last day of term 2**

**END OF TERM DEPARTURE - Wednesday 21st December**

School will have a staggered finishing time which will be by

**surname in alphabetical order.**



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| **A – G** | **12.00** |
| **H – M** | **12.10** |
| **N – Z** | **12.20** |

**The staff of Edenderry Primary School, would**

**like to wish everyone a very happy,**

**peaceful and healthy Christmas & New Year**

**If you need the support of the Food Bank over the Christmas period or at any time, please contact: -**

** Grace Generation Church**

 **49 Church Street**

 **BANBRIDGE**

 **BT32 4AF**

 **Email: foodbank@gracegeneration.co.uk**