

# Bushmills Primary School & Nursery Unit



December 2016

## December Update

### The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan”

As you are already aware this year we are having two performances of our Christmas Production “The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan” which will take place this Thursday (15th December) in the school. Tickets are still available for both performances (morning at 10:00am and evening at 7:00pm) from the school office although spaces are filling up quickly so please be advised to come and purchase early in order to avoid disappointment.

Thursday morning will see the stage set for our first performance at 10:00am. The performance will last approximately 2 1/2 hours (and will also include a 15 minute interval where all pupils will receive a free morning snack) therefore we should be cleared up for approximately 12:45pm. Following the morning performance school will finish for all pupils (Primary 1 to Primary 7) just before lunch time. If you are attending the morning performance you are free to take your child/children home with you afterwards and if this is not the case we would ask that you make arrangements for your child/children to be collected at school no later than 1:00pm.

Please note that Nursery pupils will receive lunch in school as normal and will finish at the usual time of 1:30pm.

In preparation for the evening performance which begins at 7:00pm, we would ask that all pupils are back in school at 6:00pm sharp in order to make preparations for the performance. If you are not attending the evening performance your child/children will be finished at approximately 9:45pm, therefore we would ask that you make arrangements to have them collected from school at this time.

Please note that during each performance there will be a short 15 minute interval where a tuck shop will be available and also Tea/Coffee with shortbread/mince pies will be available to purchase.

## Extended Schools

Please be reminded that there will be no further Extended Schools for the remainder of this term. All activities will resume again in the New Year!

## Staff Development Day

Friday 16th December will be a Staff Development Day therefore there will be no school for pupils on this day.

## Temporary School Telephone Number

Unfortunately at the beginning of last week our telephone line has had to be disconnected owing to a 'burst pipe; in one of the school offices. Due to this unexpected 'upheaval' we have had to put alternative arrangements in place. This has meant that we have had to purchase a school mobile telephone which will accept all incoming calls coming through to our usual landline telephone number (028 207 31416). However, in the event of having to make outgoing calls, please note our usual landline number will not appear which I am aware has caused confusion for some parents who, not recognising the number have opted not to answer their phone. Should a situation arise where the school has to contact parents, please note the mobile number which will appear will be 07851 876 826. Although this has unfortunately been an additional cost to the school, please note when ringing the school you should continue to dial 028 207 31416 and your call will automatically be forwarded to the mobile.

## P.T.A. Christmas Hamper Raffle

Please be reminded that the final date for hamper donations will be Wednesday 14th December 2016. Raffle tickets are now on sale from the school office and will also be available to purchase on Thursday 15th December before and after the school production (as well as during the intervals).

## Carol Service

Could I please remind you all replies for our Christmas Carol Service should be returned to your child's class teacher by Monday 19th December 2016. This is in order to facilitate catering arrangements.

Please note a retiring offering at our Carol Service will this year go towards the work of the NSPCC, which is the school's chosen charity for this year.

## Cinderella

Please note that any outstanding reply slips and/or monies must be returned to the school no later than tomorrow (Tuesday 13th December). If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request please contact Miss Logan as soon as possible. Please note that final arrangements regarding this trip will be sent out next week.

## Crossing Patrol

Please note that crossing patrol will operate on Thursday at 1:00pm (both at the main school gates and also on Bridge Street) when all children (Primary 1 to Primary 7) will be finishing following the morning performance.

Can I also inform you in advance that unfortunately on the last day of term (Wednesday 21st December) there will be no Crossing Patrol on Bridge Street but usual crossing arrangements will be in operation at the main school gates when pupils are leaving at 12:00 noon.

Once again I am very aware that lots of information is being made available on a daily basis and I thank you for your support and patience during what is an extremely busy time for all of us!