



Whitehead
Primary School
& Nursery Unit

'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'

8 December 2022

Dear Parent

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Tomorrow is Christmas Dinner Day. The children **should not** wear school uniform but could wear something Christmassy instead.

INCREASE IN GROUP A STEPTOCOCCUS INFECTIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Based on updated information from PHA and as we endeavour to keep everyone safe, in addition to informing us if your child is diagnosed with scarlet fever, I would also ask you to inform Mrs Lowry if your child is diagnosed with chicken pox or develops a flu like illness. PHA have advised that this is because infection with scarlet fever and either chicken pox or flu at the same time could result in more serious illness.

Again, based on advice from PHA, I will also inform parents if a pupil in their child's class is diagnosed with scarlet fever. This is only so that you can:

1. Be alert to symptoms in your own child.
2. Be able to seek medical advice if required.
3. Keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell.

Children with a diagnosis of scarlet fever, if they are well enough, can return to school 24 hours after starting an appropriate antibiotic treatment.

As I said in my previous letter, while we are being cautious and vigilant, school will continue in its normal routine with all planned activities taking place.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS – TUESDAY 13 & WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

We are so excited that our Christmas Concerts will take place this year and in order to facilitate everyone who wishes to attend, I would ask you to only watch the performances which directly involve your child. This will ensure that everyone gets a seat. Refreshments will be available in the Gym Hall.

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The PTA are working incredibly hard to prepare for next Friday. They will be in school this evening to wrap presents so that every child will receive a present from Santa. Next Thursday evening they will be in school again to decorate the school so that the children really enjoy their visits with Mrs Claus and the main man himself. The children should all come to school in their PJs (I have my Christmas onesies all ready to go) and will enjoy a Christmas DVD with their class. They are allowed to bring some treats/snacks to enjoy while they are watching the movie. Without the hard work of PTA the children would never be able to enjoy such great days within school. The suggested donation on School Money is £3 per child (if you wish to increase your donation you can do so). I know that PTA would really appreciate your support as they create an atmosphere of fun and togetherness in school.

Kind regards.

J LOUGHINS
Principal