**December Newsletter for Pre Pre school children only**

**Christmas trip to castlecoole:**

*Thursday 30th November*

We will be travelling to Castlecoole by bus on this date for a Christmas walk in the woods. **Due to the age of your child it is essential that they are accompanied by an adult**.

On this day children will come to school as normal and we would ask that parents meet us in the carpark at Castlecoole at 1 o’clock.

Please inform your child’s teacher if you are coming. If you are unable to join us, there will be no school for your child on this day.

Before joining us on our trip I would ask that you read the policy below by clicking the link

[Educational Visits Handbook 23.pdf](https://1drv.ms/b/s%21AqlXqN7aomjV4A77zHH9xgHdA73I?e=xPo3Kt)

Please remember to label all items of clothing coming into school!

**Nativity Play:**

We are busy rehearsing for this and I’m sure you are hearing the songs at home. We do not allocate parts and children are simply allowed to choose a costume that they would like to wear and are seated together to make a nativity scene.

*Wednesday 6th Dec( PM class):* Children arrive in school with parents at **12.30pm**. Children can be dropped off at the gate as normal. We would then ask that parents/ family walk around to the front door of the school where tea/ coffee will be served . The Play will begin at 1pm and parents take children home with them after the performance.

*Over the past few years staff have chosen to support a charity at Christmas time and we ask that parents consider a donation to this charity in Lieu of any teacher gift that you may have been purchasing. There is absolutely no obligation on parents to purchase gifts for staff, but we understand that many people like to acknowledge us at this time of the year. As a staff, we are fortunate to have all we need at this time of year and would like to support those who may not. This year we have decided to raise money for ‘Action for Children’ which provides support for children and families locally here in Fermanagh*

**Christmas Jumper Day:**

*Friday 15th December*

Children can come to school in a festive jumper/outfit.

**Big Bedtime Christmas Night:**

You may be aware that we are planning a night in school to celebrate our Big Bedtime Read project. Your child has not participated in this project this year as they will be able to take part when they return to us for their pre school year so should not attend on this night

**Christmas party:**

Our last day of term will be *Thursday 21st December* and we will be having a Christmas party with a visit from a magician. All children ( inc PM class) will come to school for 9am. Children do not need to wear uniform on this day and school will finish for all pupils at 11.30am

**Enrolment for Pre school 2024.**

Applications for admission to pre school will open again in January. If you would like your child to attend this school for their pre school year you will need to make an application again via the portal ( as you did for this year).

I sincerely hope that you will be returning to us as the pre pre programme is designed to compliment the preschool programme and will provide for the greatest continuity in your child’s education.

If you are applying please ensure that you apply for BOTH FULLTIME AND PARTIME sessions in our school to ensure that your child is allocated a place and that you detail on your application that your child currently attends alongside any other applicable information ( receipt of benefits, siblings having attended)

**KEY DATES:**

End of term: Thursday 21st at 11.30am

Start of term two: Thursday 4th Jan 2023.

Kind regards,

L.Phair