



Hi all,

As we are unable to hold our annual Open Night for Prospective Primary 1 parents, I have organised a professional videographer to create a promotional video of our school. Rhys from Greenisland Films will be visiting school on Wednesday 25th November to record scenes for our video. If your child has a ¼ zip, could they please wear it as well as their jumper on Wednesday.

Our PTA AGM is due to take place on Thursday 3rd December @ 7pm via Zoom. Please [click here](#) to nominate your members for 2020-2021.

Christmas Draw

In the coming days, your child will receive tickets for our annual Christmas Draw. Money from this draw goes into the school fund account. Throughout the year I use this fund to pay for trophies for Sports Days, to pay towards Down Coaching, promotional posters, hospitality events, some playground equipment, trophies for Sports Days and End of Year, rewards, our school website as well as Christmas decorations. The draw will take place on **Friday 18th December live on Facebook.**

Down Schools GAA Draw 2020

Last week I received an email from Down GAA. 'In the midst of all the madness with Covid19, our Primary Schools Draw, scheduled to take place in April, did not happen. We have decided to hold the draw before Christmas, on **Monday 14th December 2020.**'

I still have the tickets that were purchased before schools closed in March and I will return these to The County Board before the draw. This is not great timing given our own Christmas Draw but if you would like to purchase any tickets, please let me know and I will send some tickets home with your child. All money from ticket sales helps to pay for last year's coaching.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is booked for **Thursday 10th December.** Menu and details will follow.

To make this occasion enjoyable and festive, pupils can come dressed in their own choice of 'festive' clothes (non-uniform). This could be a red or green jumper or top, Christmas jumper, Santa hat and/or other Christmas accessories. Please do not feel the need to buy anything special; it's just about having a little fun and Christmas Cheer!

Christmas Presents

The staff of our school are very aware of the financial demands on everyone's household at Christmas and, whilst we have always been very appreciative of presents from children at Christmas, we feel that it is an extra demand on parents' time and money. Therefore, please do not feel obliged to buy staff presents this Christmas. If parents feel strongly that he/she would like to show his/her gratitude to a member of staff perhaps this could be done through a simple donation to our Christmas Appeal as we are collecting for Mission Christmas, Cash for Kids <https://planetradio.co.uk/cool-fm/charity/events/mission-christmas-northernireland/>. If gifts are left in school by **Friday 11th December 2020** we will then drop them off at one of the collection points. Thank you.

Many Thanks
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