**St.Patrick’s P.S. Burrenreagh**

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**Holidays/ School Closures**

* School will now be OPEN on 26th January due to Confirmation – an updated School Holiday Calendar can be found on the school website
* Midterm break – School closes at 2pm on 9th Feb and reopens 19th Feb 2024

**Staffing Updates**

**Mrs Lenaghan and Mrs King will sadly be leaving us and moving to take up new positions very shortly. Both ladies have shown a huge commitment to St Patrick’s and their hard work and dedication was clear to see! We wish them both every happiness in their new jobs – they will be greatly missed! In the interim, Mrs Lisa Harrison and Mrs Mary Blaney will be stepping into the roles of Senior Clerical Officer and Building Supervisor and Phonics Club Leader and we extend a warm welcome to them at Burrenreagh!**

**Religious Celebrations and Sacraments**

* **P7 Service of Light/Enrolment – 17th Jan at 11am in school – pupils only to attend.**
* **Confirmation Practice is on Monday 22nd Jan 2024 – details TBC.**
* **Confirmation is on Friday 26th Jan at 4pm in Our Lady of the Assumption Church Newcastle.**

**Reception & P1 Admissions Process**

**Online applications will open at 12 noon on Tuesday 9 January 2024 and will close at 12 noon on Friday 26 January 2024.**

**You should not complete an application if your child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs. Your child's placement will be arranged through the EA's Special Educational Needs Department.**

**If any parents/carers require assistance or further advice with any aspect of the admissions process, please do not hesitate to contact us by email** [**mdempsey839@c2kni.net**](mailto:mdempsey839@c2kni.net) **or**

**phone**  02843778593

**Further information can also be found at: eani.org.uk/parents/admissions**





We have a new weekly selection of After School Clubs for P1-P7 pupils, starting from 8th January at £3 per club. These must be booked on a Monday and payment made to the school office.

**Mon – ICT Club**

**Tues – Art & Craft**

**Wed – STEM/Science**

**Thurs – Cookery**

Homework Club will run from 4-5pm Mon-Thurs at an additional cost of £3 per day.

Phonics Club Mon-Thurs 2-3pm - £80 per term.

A group of children posing for a photo

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Well done to all our super boys and girls who performed wonderfully at our Christmas Nativity in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Newcastle. Everyone played their part so well. The acting, speaking and singing was fantastic! It was lovely to see so many friends and family members who turned out to watch the service and their very generous donations that were made to Daisy Lodge. A huge amount of talent was on display - definitely some stars of the future to watch out for!

Please check our Website https://www.burrenreagh.com/ and our Facebook Page

for more school activities and events!

**Healthy Snacks!**

In line with PHA guidance and our focus on health and wellbeing, we remind you that it is important to send the children in with a healthy snack/drink each day. Fruit, cheese, crackers and yoghurts alongside water and milk are excellent examples of what the children should be bringing in each day. Products containing nuts, chocolate spreads, fizzy drinks etc are not permitted. We must be mindful of allergies and take steps to avoid any unnecessary risks. If you are unsure, please contact class teacher to clarify.

**Communications/Contact**

If you need to contact the school and are unable to speak to a staff member in person/via phone, please email the class teacher.

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**If you wish to discuss something of a sensitive/confidential nature, please email Mrs Dempsey directly** [**mdempsey839@c2kni.net**](mailto:mdempsey839@c2kni.net)

At times when Mrs Dempsey is unavailable, Mrs Nicholls will be the main point of contact. We appreciate your ongoing support.

**Parent Support Group**

A massive thank you to all parents who have joined our Parent support group to help raise funds for our School. The Parent Support Group have already raised much needed funds to support all the children in our school. The recent Movie and Treat Day was a huge success and big plans are already in place for term 2! Please email [ncampbell318@c2ken.net](mailto:ncampbell318@c2ken.net) should you wish to become part of this amazing team!. All New Members Welcome!