** St.Patrick’s P.S. Burrenreagh**

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**30 Burrenreagh Road, Castlewellan BT31 9HH**

**Holidays/ School Closures**

* Friday 1st December Staff Training Day
* Christmas Holidays, school closes at 11am 21st December and reopens for Pupils on Wednesday 3rd January.
* Tuesday 2nd January ‘Baker Day’ staff training.

**New Acting Principal**

As you are aware Mr. Hardy will be stepping down as Acting Principal on Friday.

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs. Dempsey has agreed to step in as Acting Principal while Mr. Hunt is off sick. Our staff are looking forward to meeting and working with her. We wish her all the best in her new role.

**Religious Celebrations and Sacraments**

* Parish Christmas Carol Service Monday 11th December at 6pm in Our Lady of the Assumption Church Newcastle.
* Confirmation Practice is on Monday 22nd January 2024.
* **Confirmation is on Friday 26th January at 4 pm** **in Our Lady of the Assumption Church Newcastle.**

**Christmas Pantomime**

The pupils will be visiting the Grand Opera House, Belfast on Tuesday 5th December to see the pantomime ‘Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs- The Fairest Panto in the Land’. The pupils will leave the school at 12 noon, and they will return to school at approximately 5pm. It is important everyone brings a drink and a waterproof coat.Can you please complete the reply slip and return with £ 19.00 to Seaneen by Friday 24th November 2023.

**Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner**



Our Christmas dinner in school is on Friday 8th of December. To help us celebrate and get into the Christmas spirit Pupils can also wear their favourite Christmas Jumper that day.

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Please check our Website ‘St. Patrick’s P.S. Burrenreagh’ and our Facebook Page

for more school activities and events!

**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 would like to hold a meeting at the Hillyard House next Tuesday (21st November) at 7pm. Please email [ncampbell318@c2ken.net](mailto:ncampbell318@c2ken.net) to confirm your attendance. All New Members Welcome!

Nativity Play/ Carol Service

This year the pupils will reenact the story of Christmas for all family and friends of Burrenreagh on Friday 15th December from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. We hope to run a Christmas draw with the help of our Parent Support Group on the day for school funds. We already have several great prizes including £50 gift voucher for the Burrendale Hotel, Christmas hamper and a few more. If anyone would like to donate a prize for the draw, just drop the prize into the school before 14th December. Tickets will cost £1 and will go on sale soon!

Santa Trip

The pupils will be visiting Santa Claus in the St Patrick’s Centre in Downpatrick on Wednesday 13th December in the Elf Emporium. The pupils will meet Santa and visit his elves in Winter Wonderland. Each pupil will receive a gift from Santa. The pupils will leave the school at 9.10am, and they will return to school at approximately 1.30pm. It is important everyone brings a drink, a packed lunch, and a waterproof coat.

This school trip costs £18.00 per pupil. Due to our Halloween disco fundraising night, the school will subsidise £10.00 for each pupil. The total cost will be £8.00 for this trip.



Please let as many people as possible know about our Open Night and the great school we have!

