



Dear Parents/Carers,

17 November 2023

Thank you for your continued support during the first half-term. We cannot believe it's almost December already!

Here are a few important notices:

**Christmas Jumper Day/Dinner Money/Other Payments**

Please only send money into school on **Fridays before 12:00**. We are happy to also accept money first thing on Monday morning if you were unable to pay on the Friday beforehand. Newtownhamilton HS have informed us that there will be a festive Christmas party box (chicken nuggets, chips, Christmas dessert etc.) on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. **Children can wear something festive/Christmassy.**

We are also having a special visitor (sssshhhh!) on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, so we are having a Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day that day also to celebrate. We would ask for a £1 donation for charity please.



**Important Dates in December:**

- Christmas Craft Fair (School Hall): **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**
- Christmas Dinner Party Box (Nuggets, Chips, Festive Treats): **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**
- Special Visitor (sssshhhh!): **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**
- School Closes at 12pm (No Dinners): **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

**Cold Weather**

The weather is getting much colder, please send your child/ren to school with a coat each day – it would also be beneficial for children to have a hat/scarf/gloves as the Winter months begin.





### Christmas Performances

We are very excited to let you know that each class will be preparing a short, musical Christmas performance in class which will be recorded and posted on the website during the last week of term. We will let you know when these have been uploaded shortly before the Christmas break. You're going to love them!

### Communication

School is a busy place, so we ask that you contact the school via email in the first instance to leave a message for the relevant staff.

Mr Byrne's email: [cbyrne760@c2kni.net](mailto:cbyrne760@c2kni.net)

Ms Gibney, school secretary's email: [lgibney727@c2kni.net](mailto:lgibney727@c2kni.net)



Please also email the school if your child is unwell so we can accurately record this on our system. Ms Gibney is in the office each day until 12:30pm; we do our best to answer the phones outside of these times. Your messages will be picked up quicker after 12:30pm if you email Mr Byrne directly.

### Pick-Up

If your child is being collected by someone who is not named as a "contact" on the data collection form, please **email** or **telephone** the school beforehand. Due to safeguarding/child protection, we do not let children leave school unless prior consent has been given.

### Homework Update

Our new homework practices have been ongoing and we will be sending out a final survey before Christmas to check how these have been going. General feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from pupils, parents and staff. A text/website update will be sent closer to the time with an update on how to access this.

Yours faithfully,  
Mr Caolán Byrne  
(Acting Principal)

