

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF

Tuesday 19th December 2023



Our Christmas Carol Service takes place in the church tonight at 6pm.

Can you please ensure your child or children have been to the toilet before they leave home as staff will not be able to take children to the toilet on their own.

All the children should wear their Christmas jumpers. Family members may wear their Christmas jumpers too if they wish. We would like everyone to be seated in the church by no later than 5.50pm. Friends, family and parishioners are all very welcome.

School finishes on Friday 22nd December at 11am for Christmas. The children may wear their Christmas/festive clothing. They do not need to bring schoolbags or folders.

Dates for your Diary Primary 3 First Confession Tuesday 14th March 2023.

Primary 4 First Holy Communion - Saturday 8th June 2024.

No date for Confirmation or Service of Light. We will keep you informed as soon as dates have been arranged.

Monday 25 th December 2023 - Friday 5 th January 2024	School Closed - Christmas Holidays 
Monday 8 th January	School reopens after Christmas Holidays.
Tuesday 9 th January	Primary Admissions Applications open online from 12 noon.
Friday 26 th January	Primary Admissions Applications Closing Date @ 12 noon.

Advent Charity Raffle We had a fantastic array of prizes for our charity raffle, the draw was held on Friday. The winners were P1 Rosie O' Connor & Ciaran O' Boyle, P2 Emily O' Boyle & Niall Mc Naughton, P3 Lorcan McAllister, P4 Caoileann Mc Toal & Calum Mc Donnell, P5 Jane Mitchell & Ronan Harvey, P6 Sophia O' Neill & Oisin McDonnell and Keira Giblin & Niall McAuley P7. Many thanks to all the staff for donating the prizes. We raised £200.00 for Saphara. Thank you to all our children and parents for donating so generously to our Charity raffle.

ParentPay There are 18 accounts in arrears for meals and 10 in arrears for snacks. Please check both your meal and snack accounts and credit where necessary. All accounts must be balanced by tomorrow including this weeks meals as the weekly report will be printed for EA.

Santa Drive Thanks to everyone who came along on Thursday 14th December to support our PTFA Santa Drive. It was a great night and enjoyed by all. They raised £292 through donations which will go towards our school funds.

Afterschool Netball Afterschool netball will resume on Tuesday 16th January 2024.

The after Christmas dinner menu will be sent home tomorrow and will be available to download & view on the website. You can fill it in and return it on Thursday or return it after the holidays.

Pre - School & P1 Admissions September 2024

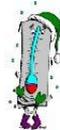
If your child is starting pre-school or primary school in September 2024, you can apply for their place online from 12 noon on 9th January 2024. The closing date and time for pre-school and primary one applications will be 12.00 noon on Friday 26th January 2024. Further information on the admissions procedure will be available on the Education Authority website digital@eani.org.uk. Go to the parent section and click on admissions. There is a step by step help video available to view. If you have any problems accessing the admissions procedure online, please contact the Admissions helpline on 028 95985595 or email primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk.

Term 2 Milk The Final milk numbers for Term 2 will be sent to DaleFarm tomorrow. Milk for term 2 is £10.75 and must be paid via Parentpay by Wednesday 20th December.

No orders or payments will be taken after this date. To date we have 42 milk on order and 18 have paid. *Please note your payment may not show up straight away on your bank account, it could take 7-10 days to show. It will however show as pending on Parentpay. If you need to contact Joanne to check please feel free to do so. *

Emergency Access Arrangements for Extreme Weather Conditions

The school's first priority will be to provide a safe route into school for children, parents and staff. In a snow/ice emergency situation normal access routes may be closed or changed and access will only be available after the removal of snow and/or ice - **Please use each route only if it is cleared before you arrive at the school.** At least one route will be open. If in exceptional circumstances the school has to close, parents will be informed via email or text message and information will be posted on the school website, stpatrickspglenariff.co.uk.



Can parents please ensure they have their email addresses added to the website and have uploaded the SCHOOLS NI APP to their phone.

All persons should enter carefully on foot.

Only staff cars & delivery vehicles will be allowed into the school car park, except where permission has been given by the principal in special circumstances to do so.

*May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Board of Governors,
teachers, staff and children to wish you all a
Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.*

Mr Mark Dinsmore, Principal.

