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Dear Parents

### **Christmas Carol Concert**

A reminder that our Christmas Carol Concert will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am and 1:30pm. The morning performance will be a production involving all pupils from Nursery to Year 7. The afternoon performance will involve all pupils from Years 1 to 7.

We will have a retiring collection at the end of each performance with money raised going to RNIB.

### **Open Door December and Nursery Open Afternoon**

For parents of children who will be new to the main school we are offering a personalised tour of Iveagh. It is hoped that this will allow parents to see the school in operation and experience for themselves how the pupils are at the heart of all that goes on.

If you know of any families new to the school, please encourage them to make an appointment to come and view the school for themselves during the month of December. In addition, we intend to host an afternoon for parents whose children will be applying for Nursery in 2024. This will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2:20pm in our Nursery Unit.

### **Christmas Craft Fair**

Our craft fair will run from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December (8:30-9:15am) in the assembly hall. There will be a range of Christmas crafts and gifts made by pupils and other individuals associated with Iveagh. This will be an event which will be open to all parents and friends of the school with all proceeds going back into school funds.

One of the stalls at the Christmas Fair will be an 'Every Ticket Wins Tombola'. We are asking for donations of any unused or unwanted items, which are still in their original packaging, to be sent into school so that they may be included in this stall. Examples of such items may include bath sets, unopened sweets and biscuits, toys and household goods etc. All items can be left at the school office before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Nut Allergies**

A reminder that several of our pupils suffer a severe reaction to the presence of nuts or nut products. To safeguard the health and safety of those pupils, no products containing nuts are used on the school premises. It is essential that all pupils do not bring to school any type of nuts or any foods containing nut products.

**Christmas Non-Uniform Day and Pupil Christmas Dinner**

On 7<sup>th</sup> December we will have a Christmas Non-uniform Day. Pupils may choose to come to school in any Christmas themed clothing i.e. jumper, pyjamas, socks, head band, hat etc.

In addition, for pupils taking school meals, the pupil Christmas Dinner will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Shoebox Appeal for the Homeless**

We have been encouraging each class to take part in an appeal to provide items which will be donated to 'Newry Helping the Homeless Shoebox Appeal'. Pupils who wish to donate are asked to provide an item such as:

Hat / gloves or scarf.

Sweets or crisps.

Dry food.

Small shampoo/toothpaste or face cloth.

Soft toy or colouring book.

The final day for items to be donated will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. **Please note that participation in this appeal is entirely voluntary.**

**Last day of term**

Our last day of term for pupils will be 19<sup>th</sup> December when school will close at 12:00 noon for all pupils.

This day will be a non-uniform day.

**School will reopen on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

On behalf of everyone in Iveagh, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

**S. Carlisle**  
**Principal**