

# TOREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Child Protection/Safeguarding Team

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The cold weather is upon us again. Please remember to send a coat to school every day.

There are a lot of coughs and sneezes about so please explain to your child the importance of "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!" By doing this, we help reduce the spread. Remember your child should not be in school if they are unwell. Someone on your emergency list, should always be available to be reached by phone during the school day, should we need to contact you. Please remember to update your phone number with Mrs Wilson in the office, if applicable.

### Gritting

Every year the roads around school do not get gritted and every year we contact the relevant bodies, usually to no avail. This year I have already contacted local politicians concerning this matter. Therefore, I would like you to do the same, perhaps under pressure something might be done! We can but hope. I'd really appreciate you taking up this cause.

### Homework

Please remember to check and sign your child's homework each night.

### Parent Volunteers/ Helpers

The Friends of Toreagh hope to run some activities for the children. In order to do this, they need lots of helpers who MUST be police checked. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Wilson in the office, who will get you the necessary forms.

### Primary 1 Admissions 2024

Please see school website under 'Admissions' for key dates and further information.

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Carrickfergus College will be visiting P7.

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Rehearsal** for Church Service in Raloo Presbyterian Church Hall.

Children should be left off at 9.00am at the church. **Rehearsal will finish & children should be collected from the church hall. P1 – P3 1.50pm P4 – P7 2.00pm.**

Children who get a free school meal will receive a packed lunch on this day.

**No school folders required only break & lunch with a drink in a disposable named bag. NO FIZZY DRINKS OR GLASS BOTTLES.**

P1 – P7 children should bring a book or magazine to read during rehearsal. (No electronic devices).

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023



#### Christmas Concert

10.45am – 11.45am at Raloo Presbyterian Church Hall.

**Two tickets for the Christmas Concert have been given to the eldest child of the family today.**

Children should arrive at the Church Hall at normal school time 9.00am doors opening at 8.45am.  
**NO SCHOOL BAGS, LUNCH BOX OR BREAK REQUIRED.**

**P1 – P3** should arrive dressed in their costume / Christmas jumper (reference- letter from Mrs Wells, Mrs Robson, Mrs Craig & Miss Fleming).

**P4 – P7** should arrive dressed in Christmas jumper, tracksuit trousers/leggings

**P1/2 costumes are due in on MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

After the concert, children should be collected from the hall at approximately 11.45am.

**In line with our Child Protection and GDPR policies please only take photographs of your own children. Please be careful what you put on social media sites. It is important we keep our children safe.**

**Group photographs will be available to view on the website.**

### **Refreshments**

Between 10.15am – 10.40am, the Friends of Toreagh will be providing refreshments for a small donation.



This year our chosen charity is **Air Ambulance NI**  
a registered charity that operates a helicopter emergency medical service dedicated to responding to serious trauma and medical emergencies in Northern Ireland.

We will have a 'collection bucket' at our Christmas Concert, where you may give a donation.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



#### **Christmas Post Box**

Children may bring Christmas cards to post to their friends within school. Name and class should be written clearly on envelopes. The post box will be in the front hall. P7 children will be our special delivery elves.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Party Day – children should come to school in own clothes.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Visit to Pantomime 'Rapunzel' in Waterfront Hall, Belfast. School uniform should be worn. Children should bring a slightly larger break than normal in a named disposable bag (NO NUTS). Children will eat their lunch in school, those who receive free school meals will receive a packed lunch on this day. **All children will go home at 2.00pm.**

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

School will close for Christmas at 12 noon. Children should come to school in own clothes and if you would like, bring a small toy/game. No electronic devices.



# Friends of Toreagh

## **Christmas Wreath Making**

A big thank you to all of those who attended the wreath making evening. It was a great success, and we made a colossal £1100 towards our I-pad fund! This is an amazing total. Special thanks must be given to Sharon Wilson for her expertise and support with this event and to the members of the Friends of Toreagh who planned, promoted, gathered materials, set up for the evening and provided refreshments! Their efforts are greatly appreciated. This money will fund 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  I-pads! Hopefully, we can look forward to this as an annual community event!

## **Scholastic Book Club**

This term's book club has now closed. We will reopen another club after Christmas so keep your eye on this note for details. Thanks to your orders we now have £96.48 to spend on books for school!

We will let you know once books are available for collection.

## **Christmas Cards/Merchandise**

All merchandise has now been sent home. Thank you for your support. This has raised a total of £257.06.

## **Smarties Tubes**

Thank you to all of you who have returned your tubes already! Please could all Smarties Tubes be returned by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Christmas Lucky Dip Bags**

For those of you who remember our fete, this idea is a similar concept to the 'Shoe Box Tombola' which was always a big hit with the children.

We are asking the children to fill a small Christmas bag with about £3 - £4 worth of goodies. This could include things like felt tips and note pads, fidget toys, marbles, small balls, small cars...anything at all the children would enjoy. Please do not send in sweets that contain any form of nuts as we are a 'Nut Aware School.' The bags can be specifically for a girl or boy, or suit either.

On School party day, the children can bring in £2 to get a ticket. They then win the bag with the corresponding ticket.

**Please could these bags be sent into school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Party day will be the following week.**

## **Christmas Hamper Bags**

The Friends of Toreagh, on behalf of the School Council, have been busy approaching local businesses for goods to put into our hamper bags to be distributed to older or vulnerable members within our community.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their support: Spar Kilwaughter, Lusty's Centra, McDowell's Country Stores, Ann's Pantry and Lidl.

We appreciate there has been a lot going on over the last few weeks and your support has been superb.

Total raised so far: £1357.06