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Dear Parents

Strike Action

You may be aware from recent media coverage that NI Teacher Unions have declared a half-day strike on Wednesday 29th November. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, and not because of any issues at our school. As a result of the strike action **OUR SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED until 12:00 on Wednesday 29th November 2023**

Wrap Around Care

Thank you to all the parents who completed the online survey in relation to establishing an after school childcare facility. The feedback has been very positive and informative, and as a result of the demand, we will begin the process of introducing the service in the near future. We will also restructure the proposed weekly cost by introducing flexible daily rates for your convenience. However, the scheduled work to our school will dictate the time scale of when we can fully implement the service as we are awaiting clarification of a start date for phase two of the school's development scheme. Wrap around care is something we will actively pursue to create a warm and safe environment for children in our school from 8am – 5.15pm.

Commitment Ceremony

A commitment ceremony has been arranged for the P4 & P7 children on **Saturday 2nd December at 5.30pm** in St Oliver Plunkett's church Greenlough.

Open Night

Open night will take place on **Wednesday 6th December from 4pm-6pm**. Invites and information will be shared with local groups and via our social media page. Please feel free to share.

Spin the Wheel –ICT Resources

There are only fifteen numbers remaining before we SPIN THE WHEEL six times, and the six winning numbers will receive **£100!!** All 100 numbers and names will be posted on our website by the end of next week. If you haven't done so already, please complete the flier sent home with your child and return to school. You can pay cash or via Parentmail and remember, this is open to our entire community so feel free to ask family and friends to take part. Good luck!

Christmas Lights

Bannvalley Community Group have organised a community event to celebrate the switching on of Christmas lights. The children in our school have been invited to sing at the event. Song lyrics are included in this letter and parents and family members are invited to join in on the night.

Carol Service

Our school Carol Service will take place on **Tuesday 19th December at 6pm** in St Oliver Plunkett's church. Our whole school will be participating in different capacities. If your child requires a costume, their class teacher will send details home in due course.

Important Dates & School Closures

Primary 6 Assembly	Friday 24 th November @1.30pm
Strike Action	School CLOSED until 12.00pm on Wednesday 29 th November 2023
Christmas Lights	Friday 1 st December @7.10pm
Commitment Ceremony P4 & P7	Saturday 2 nd December @5.30pm
Open Night	Wednesday 6 th December 4pm-6pm
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 13 th December
Carol Service	Tuesday 19 th December @6pm

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Martin Meehan

Mr M. Meehan (*Principal*)



Bannvalley Community Group
invites you to the
Christmas Light Switch on

Friday 1st December

Everyone to meet @ Clady Corner 7.10pm

Come along and join us for some Mulled Wine, Short Bread &
Christmas songs to get into the Christmas Spirit !!!!!!!

**Santa Claus
will be there!!**

Youth club members will walk over

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay
The cattle are lowing
The poor baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'Til morning is nigh
Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there
Take us to heaven
To live with Thee there

Silent Night

Silent night holy night
All is calm, and all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and
Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace
Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and
Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Jingle Bells

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle
all the way. Oh what fun it is
to ride in a one-horse open
sleigh. Hey! Jingle bells,
jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to ride in a
one-horse open sleigh
Dashing through the snow, in
a one-horse open sleigh. O'er
the fields we go, laughing all
the way. Bells on bobtails
ring, making spirits bright.
What fun it is to ride and sing
a sleighing song tonight.
Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way. Oh what
fun it is to ride in a one-horse
open sleigh. Hey! Jingle bells,
jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh what fun it is to ride in a
one-horse open sleigh.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list
And checking it twice
Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake!

O! You better watch out!
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town
Santa Claus is coming to town

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him, you would
even say it glowed.
All of the other reindeer used to
laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph join in
any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say
Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?
Then all the reindeer loved him as
they shouted out with glee
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!