



P3 Home Time Reminder

From Monday 2nd November all Primary 3 pupils will remain in school until 3.00pm on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.



Head Lice

Please ensure you routinely check your children's hair **every** weekend, even if there are no signs, and treat if necessary.

Money Pouches

Booklets containing 40 pre-printed 'Money Pouches' are available for purchase at the cost price of £2.50 from the school office. Use of these money pouches should help minimise confusion for both parents and our secretary when collecting money from the children.

NOVEMBER

Change of Holidays - Christmas 2020



Please take note of the change of dates for the Christmas Holidays. We had originally planned to finish for Christmas on Wednesday 23rd December. However I have been informed recently that neither school transport nor school dinners are available during this week, so we will finish on Monday 21st December at 11.00am.

I have taken two days from the end of the Christmas holidays and brought them forward. Therefore we will return to school on Thursday 7th January 2021.

The calendar has been updated on our school website (www.stpatricksloup.co.uk). My apologies for any inconvenience caused by this change.

Santa Visit

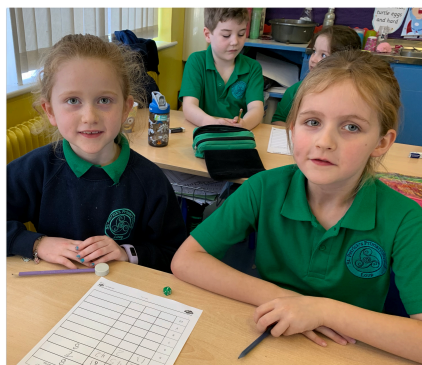
We are pleased to inform everyone that Santa will be visiting the school on Monday 16th November. He will be arriving around 11.55 and delivering selection boxes to all children. Unfortunately he can't come in to the school but we hope to arrange for all classes to see / wave to him when he arrives. We very much look forward to his visit. This has been organised by Mid Ulster District Council.



School Funds

Due to the ongoing Corona Virus restrictions we have had to suspend all fundraising activities that we would normally have held between Hallowe'en and Christmas. This is a huge loss to our already overstretched school funds. In the New Year we plan to organise a collection to help this situation





Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual event and is an excellent opportunity to further promote anti-bullying messages to parents and pupils. During the week, beginning **Monday 16th November**, children in all year groups will be concentrating on the definition, causes and effects of bullying and discussing anti-bullying strategies and procedures.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be celebrated in school on **Thursday 10th December**. The cost of dinner will be £2.60 per child. Children entitled to free meals will again be free on this day. As ever, we know those who decide to have Christmas Dinner in school will thoroughly enjoy it!!

All children will go home at 2.00pm on this day to allow staff to come together for their Christmas Dinner. Millennium Coaches will provide a service home for all children entitled to transport on this day. Ulsterbus and J&K users will have to make alternative arrangements.



Dates for your diary:

November Golden Friday	Friday 27th November
Feast of the Immaculate Conception (School Closed)	Tuesday 8th December
Christmas Dinner (2.00pm finish for all)	Thursday 10th December
End of term	Monday 21st December School closes at 11.00 for all children. No dinners or transport on this day.
New Term starts	Thursday 7th January 2021