



RICHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PARENTAL UPDATE 8-12-20

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School will finish for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 18th December**.
Staggered finishing times on 18th December are as follows:

P1/2	P3	P4/5	P5/6	P7
11.40 am	11.45 am	11.50 am	11.55 am	12.00 noon

Siblings will leave together at the time of the youngest sibling.

In the mean-time I would like to draw your attention to the following points:

Christmas Activities



Thursday 10th December is Christmas Jumper, non-uniform day. Each pupil is asked to bring a donation of £3 towards PTA funds and this will include a goody bag. School dinner is a party food menu.

Each class in school has been practicing a Christmas performance which will be recorded on Wednesday 9th December. Each performance will be uploaded to Google Classroom on **Friday 11th December**.

- P1/2 Nativity "It's A Baby!"**
- P3 "The True Meaning of Christmas."**
- P4/5 "Straw and Order."**
- P5/6 "Christmas Songs and Poems."**
- P7 "Babushka."**



P1 Admissions

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are unable to have an open morning this year. Applications for P1 for September 2021 will again be online through the EA website from **7th January to 29th January 2021**, www.eani.org.uk/admissions.

If you know of any parents in the local area interested in sending their child to Richmount, please get them to contact the school by phone, or email me at mhall215@c2kni.net if they require any information.

PTA Mini Science Gadgets Shop

The PTA purchased a range of science-related gadgets from Popcorn Education to sell to pupils in school. The fair has so far been very successful as most products have been purchased and a good profit has been made for the PTA. We thank parents in support of this initiative.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to a free school meal apply through the Education Authority.

www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants

Parents can apply if your son or daughter is in full-time education and if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: - Income Support; Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance; Income Related Employment and Support Allowance; Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit; Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less; Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year. If eligible, your child does not have to take FSM everyday.

IFA "Let Them Play" Programme

DENI are funding The Irish FA Youth Strategy 'Let Them Play' which was launched in 2015 and seeks to get more young people involved in football in Northern Ireland. Andrew Hardy, an IFA development officer will be in school each Wednesday starting on 13th January 2021. These sessions will be multi-sport orientated, not just focusing upon football skills.

Andrew will take sessions with P3, P4/5, P5/6 and P7. Classes will remain in their bubbles for these sessions and any equipment used will be fully sanitized before and after use.

Google Classroom

Please ensure that your child is continuing to engage with Google Classroom in order to facilitate any blended learning to take place. Access to the system is also vital should another lockdown be announced at any point in the future.



Google Classroom

As you will only be too aware, all of our plans can be subject to change, depending upon the ongoing situation.

Keep Safe!

Yours sincerely

M. Hall (Principal)