

November/December 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parent

In JMPS, we firmly believe that great things happen when we all come together. Take the first ever Christmas Story when a simple Jewish peasant girl, three kings, camels, cows, a carpenter, angels, wise men and shepherds all came together on one guest list. People are still talking about it and celebrating the event some two thousand years later. Happy Christmas 2021. For me, Christmas is always connected to one of life's greatest virtues - kindness. This year more than ever we need to sprinkle kindness throughout our community. At our level as a school community we need to work together and feed the world with kindness.

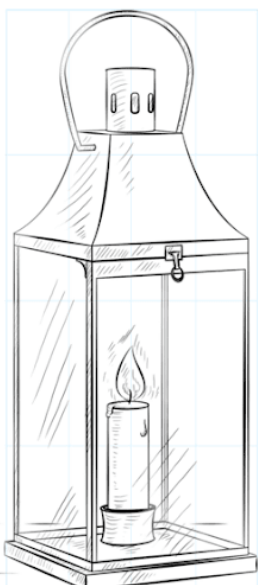
No Christmas is complete without an opportunity for pupils to bring their parents to school to see what they have been learning about and their inspirational work. This year pupils have begun to learn about the life of C.S.Lewis and his family book the 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' Each class is undertaking the visual re-enactment of ten key moments in the story and this trail will be open from Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th December every afternoon from 2-4pm. The minimal £1 entrance charge per person will be used to enhance the playground for Key Stage 1 & 2.

On behalf of everyone who is part of our brilliant school community, may I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all your support with navigating the trials and tribulations which COVID-19 has presented to school life throughout 2021.

Remember this Christmas more than ever "Your Kindness Counts". Kindness is free, sprinkle it throughout our community, pass it on and help to feed the world with kindness this Christmas time.

Many thanks,

Mrs S Isherwood,
Principal



TOWN TRAIL

As part of the build up to the launch of our Narnia Trail, there will be the opportunity to complete a Town Walk that is part of the Festive Experience. You will be shopping local, savouring the Christmas atmosphere in the town and solve a puzzle that will lead you further into the woods...

All will be revealed very soon!

Dates for your diary are as follows: -

Tuesday 9 th November	School / Class/ Family Photographs
Wednesday 10 th November	Mock AQE 2
Monday 15 th November	Odd Sock Day to start Anti Bullying Week
Monday 15 th November	World Kindness Day
Tuesday 16 th November	Scripture Union Anti Bullying Assembly
Friday 19 th November	Action Cancer Talk
Monday 22 nd November	Action Cancer Talk
Monday 22 nd November	Book Fair Opens
Friday 26 th November	Book Fair Closes
Tuesday 30 th November	Annual Reviews for Special Education Year 7 transfer pupils
Friday 3 rd December	Santa Run 'Daily Mile'
Tuesday 7 th December	Pupils Christmas Dinner. (If your child is not on free meals and wishes to have Christmas Dinner, please pay this on Monday 6 th December so that we have numbers for our kitchen)
Thursday 9 th December	Internet Legends Day
Friday 10 th December	Friends of JMPS Cake Sale in The Diamond, Enniskillen, 8am – 1pm
Wednesday 15 th December	Official Opening of the Narnia Trail
Friday 17 th December	Special Visitor!
Friday 17 th December	Rudolph Walk
Friday 17 th December	Friends of JMPS Online Christmas Draw
Monday 20 th December	Class Christmas Bubble Disco – information to follow!
Tuesday 21 st December	NON UNIFORM DAY
	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 NOON, NO SCHOOL DINNERS OR BUSES
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	School re-opens for Pupils



A Special Guest... Ssshhhhh!!!

Mrs Isherwood is expecting a very special visitor to school on Friday 17th December.



Due to Covid, he is a bit behind schedule! But he will definitely visit all the boys and girls in JMPS before Christmas as all of the boys and girls' names are on his "nice" list. He will be socially distancing and bubbles will meet him separately. All necessary precautions will be taken to ensure all children, staff and the visitor are kept safe! Don't forget to bring your letter to Santa if you haven't already posted it.

OPEN DAYS & FURTHER INFORMATION ON ENROLMENT

We know how useful Open Evenings are when families are trying to decide which Nursery/ Reception Class or Primary School would best suit their child. This year we are allowed to do this, following careful guidelines. **Dates to follow on Social Media.** To help and support parents who will have children starting school or Reception in September 2022 we have dedicated a section on our school website to provide parents with information about school and answer any questions they might have which will be available soon. We would appreciate it, if as parents, you would share this information with your friends, family or anyone you know who may have children due to start Primary One or Reception in September 2022 so they can register their interest.

PRIMARY 1 & RECEPTION PRE-ENROLMENT FORM

Please find attached our pre-enrolment form. If your child will be starting JMPS, please complete the form and return it to school.

Reception Class at JMPS

Reception pupils can join our **FULL DAY** class 9 to 1pm with dinner at school and the Buttercup Club to 3pm from their 4th birthday. The Curriculum is Play Based and the children also integrate with the whole school community for occasions such as plays, assemblies and special events. The pupils wear their own uniform and are fully prepared for their entry into Primary One – It's a wonderful opportunity to begin their educational journey! Please share this availability with Family and Friends.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS

If your child is absent for any reason please email the school on info@jonesmemorial.enniskillen.ni.sch.uk giving a reason for non-attendance on the first day of absence, please follow this up with a brief email on their return.

This is for the Education Welfare Service. Thank you to those who already do so. We understand this year is particularly challenging for our families in maintaining excellent attendance, however we use a particular code on the register for children absent because of COVID meaning we can take this into consideration when monitoring attendance. The Minister of Education has made clear, that children absent due to COVID will not be flagged up as non-attenders.

Lateness is also monitored by the Education Welfare Officer so please endeavour to have your child into school by their allocated staggered time.

Mrs Doonan and I continue to monitor the attendance of all children each month and will write to parents where attendance is a concern.

A Covid-19 Reminder

If your child has ANY symptoms of Covid-19, please do not send them to school. Please follow the Public Health Agency Guidelines and self-isolate and get tested. This will allow us to keep school / classes open for as many pupils as much as possible.

If your child tests positive...

If you get the result during school hours, please call school

immediately on 028 6632 3420

If you get the result out of school hours, please e-mail school immediately on info@jonesmemorial.ni.sch.uk

SAFEGUARDING IN JONES MEMORIAL PRIMARY

In JMPS we have a Safeguarding Team. If you have any worries or concerns, please speak with one of the following people:

- Mrs Isherwood Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Principal
- Mrs Bailie - Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Mrs Graham - Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection
- Ms Morrison- Designated Governor for Safeguarding



In JMPS our School Council has defined Bullying as...

“Bullying is behaviour which is done on purpose and happens over and over. It can make people feel hurt and upset. It can be verbal, social, physical, emotional or aggressive behaviour which is caused repeatedly by a person or a group of people. It can mean that someone is picked on or made fun of almost every day and they cannot stop it happening. Not all nasty behaviour is bullying behaviour. Some bad behaviour may have been done only once or by an accident, but bullying is planned and keeps happening.”

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying week is (Monday 15th – Friday 19th November). This year's theme as set by the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum is “One Kind Word”.

Pupils will take part in a range of lessons throughout the week and discuss various types of bullying and what is the difference between bullying and unacceptable behaviour.

This year we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying week beginning Monday 15th November. Children are invited to wear **ODD SOCKS** to school on **MONDAY 15th** to mark the start of Anti-bullying week. This will give the children the opportunity to show their support of Anti-bullying week and to express their individuality.



On Monday 15th November WEAR ODD SOCKS... to mark Anti-Bullying Day.

AQE ASSESSMENTS



This time of the academic year is always a really busy one for our Primary 7 pupils. They will be starting to think about which post-primary school they would like to go to when they leave JMPS at the end of this year. Many evenings and weekends will be spent looking around a range of schools trying to decide on a school that suits them. Some of our pupils will be taking part in the AQE Examinations on Saturday 20th November, Saturday 27th November and Saturday 4th December 2021. They have been working so hard over the last number of months in preparation for these examinations. In order to help our P7 pupils keep calm and focused at this time, we will be holding a number of well-being events over the coming weeks for them to enjoy.

Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be in school Monday 22nd November – Friday 26th November. Each class will get an opportunity to browse through the books and buy one if they so wish. A letter has been sent home to all parents.

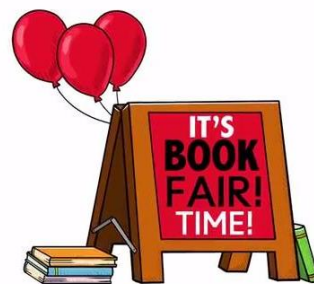
Opening Times

8.45 – 9.10am & 3.15 – 3.45pm



World Kindness Day

As a school and as part of our PATHS programme we will be celebrating **World Kindness Day** on Monday 15th November.



Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box will be available from Monday 29th November until Wednesday 15th December (dates inclusive). Pupils may use this service to post Christmas cards, messages and blessings to their friends.

Homework Club

The last day of Homework Club for this term will be Thursday 9th December 2021. It will reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Buttercup Club

This club will run up unto Friday 17th December 2021 and reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal

Vice Principal and Special Needs Coordinator

Head of Foundation & Key Stage 1

Head of Key Stage 2

Mrs S Isherwood

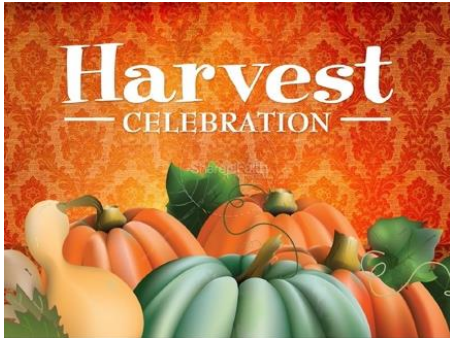
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Mrs H Graham

Christmas Disco

Again, we normally have our Christmas Discos in the school hall on the last full day of term. This year, we still want to run our discos, however, we will need to operate them in our class bubbles. So, on **Monday 20th December 2021** your child can come into school in **non-uniform** ready for the disco. Further information to follow...Please send money into school in a named envelope. Thank you! We look forward to the Christmas Style and Glitter.



Harvest Thank You

We all hope you enjoyed watching our Harvest Celebration. It was lovely to share this event with you as we are missing your attendance at our celebrations.

FRIENDS OF CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets will be available soon to buy for our **Christmas Hamper Raffle Sale!** Many wonderful gifts have been obtained from the Friends of JMPS. Tickets at £1.00 will be sold from the school and every family will be challenged to see who will win the prize for selling the most. **Winners will be announced on Friday 17th December.** Monies raised will go towards playground equipment for school... thank you all for your support!

FRIENDS OF CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Come join us! Grab your Christmas jumper or Santa hat and let's get moving!



The Daily Mile Network (NI) in partnership with Daily Mile Foundation are hosting a Daily Mile Santa Run day in schools & early years settings across social media, to get children in Northern Ireland active together at the same time on Friday 3rd December 2021.

We will complete the walk together in an effort to raise awareness for children's Mental Health and Wellbeing.



RIENDS
Of Jones Memorial Primary School
JMPS

TIS THE SEASON TO EAT CAKE!

Friends of JMPS Christmas Cake Sale

**10TH DECEMBER 8AM-1PM
THE DIAMOND, ENNISKILLEN**

All proceeds in aid of Jones Memorial Primary School

JONES MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
CARING SHARING PREPARING



Bedtime Storytime

5th November,
12th November,
19th November &
26th November
2021



Log onto our
Social Media to
enjoy a special
bedtime story!






JellyTots
PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
AT JONES MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, ENNISKILLEN

COME ALONG TO OUR NEW PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP!

EVERY THURSDAY
10:00-12:00
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

To book your place contact the
school and ask for Katie on
028 6632 3420



JONES MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS

THE NARNIA TRAIL



SAVE THE DATE

A MAGICAL FAMILY
EXPERIENCE

Tuesday 14th December
Wednesday 15th December
Thursday 16th December

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
"REMEMBER THE SIGNS AND
BELIEVE THE SIGNS. NOTHING ELSE
MATTERS."

C S LEWIS