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Dear Parents
Welcome back to Term 2

Christmas 2022

On behalf of the staff members of Carrick PS, we would like to say thank you to the pupils and parents for all the Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes received in December 2022. Your kindness is really appreciated.

Christmas Bingo and Art Day

Many thanks to Friends of Carrick who organised a Christmas Bingo and Art Day for the children on Friday 16th December 2022. The event raised a fantastic £700 for Friends of Carrick. Thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff members who donated prizes for the Bingo. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Archived Videos and Christmas Recordings 2022

We have archived videos of over 36 school plays and events from 1994 onwards. These are available via the school website (www.carrickprimaryschool.com).

Sustrans Active School Travel Programme

We are delighted that our “Journey to Santa” event went so well. The winners of the Journey to Santa draw were: Caolan McBride P7, Saoirse Treanor P6, Darragh Murtagh P5, Erin Harris P5, Grainne Lennon P4, Caolan McConville P4, Amelia Grimes P3, Tara Byrne P2, Grace Ward P2, Ava Brennan P1 and Lola Rooney P1. We would encourage as many families as possible to walk/cycle/scoot to school as it is the healthiest option and reduces congestion around the school. Thank you for all your cooperation in relation to our Sustrans project.

Fr William Stuart Syrian Refugee Appeal

Thank you to all those who sent in donations for the Syrian refugee children, in November/December 2022. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Friends of Carrick’s Christmas Fayre

Thanks to everyone who supported the Friends of Carrick Christmas Fayre on Saturday 10th December 2022. The Fayre raised a grand total of £1179 for Friends of Carrick, which is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to the children who brought in Jazzy Jars. These were sold at the Christmas Fayre and raised £335 for Friends of Carrick. Hospice Christmas Cards and gifts were also sold by the School Councillors and this raised £150 for the Hospice. Thank

you to the Committee for organising this event and thanks to those who made donations to this fundraising event. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

St Louis' Technology Challenge



Well done to Cathal McVeigh and Padraig McMahon who came first in St Louis' Technology Challenge on Thursday 15/12/22 and brought home the Cup! The children's design received high praise from the judges and when the children's vehicles were tested, Cathal's and Padraig's travelled the furthest distance, and they scooped first prize as a result! Congratulations!

Applications for P1 Places in September 2023

The application process for new Primary 1 children who have reached or will reach their fourth birthday on or before 1st July 2023 is online and will be open from Tuesday 10th January until Friday 27th January 2023 (12 noon). If you need any assistance with this process or if you would like to view the school, please contact the Principal on 028 417 52448. For more information about Carrick Primary School, please visit our website www.carrickprimaryschool.com.

Primary 7 Readathon

The Primary 7 children are preparing for a Readathon event in early February. The children will be reading ten books and will then be competing in a quiz based on the books they have read. We wish the Primary 7 children good luck with their preparations for the Readathon.

Books

Thank you to those parents who have returned school textbooks, library books, easy reads or reading books and to those who have donated their own books which they no longer need. They are all very useful and are used to supplement our existing resources and make a huge difference to our class libraries.

Panto – P3-P7 Pupils' Visit to the Grand Opera House to see Cinderella

On Thursday 12th January 2023 (P3/4) and Friday 13th January 2023 (P5-7) the pupils will be visiting the Grand Opera House to see Cinderella. Thank you to St Vincent de Paul who have made a significant donation to the school to help parents with the cost of the school trips this year.

Panto – P1-P2 Pupils' Visit to the Newry Town Hall to see The Wizard of Oz

On 19th January 2023 the Primary 1 and 2 pupils will be going to Newry Town Hall to see the pantomime, The Wizard of Oz.

Online Payments

The Education Authority is currently scoping an online payment solution for school. It is hoped that a contract will be in place by January/February 2023 and schools will not have to pay for this service. We will keep you updated about this much anticipated development.

School Fees

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in school fees so far. It has been a tradition for parents to make an annual voluntary contribution to the school, to help supplement the school budget, which has decreased significantly over the past few years. The fee for one pupil is £25, two pupils £40 and more than two pupils £45 and this is used to buy essential school resources. Thank you so much for all your support, it is very much appreciated. Please send in any remaining school fees.

Dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Confirmation	First Holy Communion
Thursday 30 th March 2023 at 6pm (Both P7 classes)	Saturday 6 th May 2023 at 11.00am (Mrs O'Hare's Class)
	Saturday 6 th May 2023 at 1.00pm (Mrs O'Grady's Class)

Indoor Hurling Competition

Well done to our hurlers who played in Round 2 of the Indoor Hurling competition on Thursday 1st December 2022. The boys played exceptionally well, defeating Castlewellan Primary School, Saval and Carryduff. The children drew in their match against Portaferry and were defeated by Maghermayo. The children finished second in the competition and the boys were awarded their medals on Wednesday 7th December 2022. Well done to the whole panel and many thanks to Mrs Angeline O'Hare, Mr Damien McConville and Mr Oran Murney for all the coaching and encouragement.



Football Training/Hurling and Camogie Training

Football training sessions take place every Friday (weather permitting) for P4-7 pupils. P4-5 football training takes place from 2.00-3.00pm at the school, while P6-7 football training takes place from 3.00-4.00pm at the club. Camogie/hurling training sessions take place every Monday from 3.00-4.00pm for P4-7 pupils. Please encourage the children to avail of these great opportunities.

Football Boots / New Cul Camp School Bags

We have lots of football boots of all sizes in the ball store in school if anyone needs a pair. We also have some new Cul Camp school bags (also in the ball store) which have been donated to the school. Please help yourselves.

Road Safety

We are asking parents to continue to reinforce road and vehicle safety messages at home, particularly in relation to wearing seatbelts on the bus and in the car and crossing roads safely.

Lego

There has been a great resurgence in the children's interest in Lego. If any family has Lego which they no longer want, the school would certainly be able to put it to good use. Any donations of Lego would be very much appreciated.

Child Protection

The school's Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Kelly while Mrs McPolin and Mr Keenan are the Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection. Mr G Murdock Mrs P Sheehan and Mrs A Cassidy are the Designated Governors for Child Protection. Please contact the Designated Teacher, Deputy Designated Teachers or the Principal if you have any Child Protection or safeguarding concerns

Contact Numbers

We are currently updating our contact numbers on the school's computer system and would ask parents to inform the school of any changes throughout the year in relation to addresses, home telephone numbers, work telephone numbers and/or mobile numbers.

Healthy Schools

Carrick Primary School is involved in the Healthy Schools initiative. Could parents please send in healthy snacks for break time. The children are also encouraged to bring in a bottle of water to school each day.

Early Exits

If a child is taken out of school early, could parents please: send in a note to inform the teacher or ring the school secretary; call at the office to collect your child; and also sign the exit book.

Extra-Curricular Activities

During Term 2 the following extra-curricular activities will be available:

Monday	P4-7	Camogie/ Hurling Training	3.00-4.00pm (beginning 09/01/23)
Tuesday	P6	Maths and English Club	3.00-4.15pm (beginning 10/01/23)
Tuesdays	P4-7	Art	3.00-4.00pm (beginning 17/01/23)
Wednesday	P4-7	Soccer	3.00-4.00pm (beginning 18/01/23)
Wednesday	P5-7	Choir	3.00-3.30pm (beginning 11/01/23)
Fridays	P4/5	P6/7 Gaelic Football Training	2.00-3.00pm/ 3.00-4.00pm (06/01/23)

Burren Football Gear

Football gear for St Mary's Club, Burren is available from Mr James McGrath (07720812991).

Holidays

January -	Thursday 05/01/23	Baker Day 5 (Children on Holiday)
	Friday 06/01/23	Term 2 starts for Children
February -	Wednesday 15/02/23 -	Mid-Term Holidays for Children (Inclusive)
	Monday 20/02/23	
	Monday 20/02/23	School Development Day 1 (Children on Holiday)
March -	Friday 17/03/23	Holiday
	Monday 20/03/23	Holiday
	Tuesday 21/03/23	School Development Day 2 (Children on Holiday)
April -	Friday 07/04/23 –	Easter Holidays (Inclusive)
	Monday 17/04/23	
	Monday 17/04/23	School Development Day 3 (Children on Holiday)
	Tuesday 18/04/23	Term 3 starts for Children
May -	Monday 01/05/23	Holiday
	Monday 08/05/23	Holiday (tbc)
	Thursday 18/05/23	Holiday (Local Elections)
	Monday 29/05/23	School Development Day 4 (Children on Holiday)
	Tuesday 30/05/23	School Development Day 5 (Children on Holiday)

- Carrick Primary School is due to close for the Summer Holidays at 12 noon on Friday 30th June 2023.

McAnulty's Bus

McAnulty's Bus runs from the bottom of the Bridal Loanan, Warrenpoint (Leaving at 8.30am) and travels along the Upper Dromore Road and up Milltown Street to Carrick Primary School each morning and completes the reverse of this journey each evening, leaving the school at 2.40pm. If you would like more information about this bus service, please contact McAnulty's on 028 417 52228.

Easy Fundraising

Thank you for all those who have helped to raise funds for Carrick Primary School through the Easy Fundraising Scheme. We currently have 100+ supporters. Remember you can buy presents, book hotels, flights, holiday tickets and can buy from many retailers including Tesco, Sainsburys, Amazon and many others and make money for Carrick Primary School.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3....

1. Go to our [Easy Fundraising page](#) and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you have checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Another option is to:

1. Go into your App Store;
2. Search Easy Fundraising;
3. Download;
4. Create an Account/Log in;
5. Click “Support a good cause”;
6. Search Carrick Primary School; and
7. Click Support

There are no catches or hidden charges and Carrick Primary School would be really grateful for your donations. If you experience any difficulty registering with easy fundraising, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist.

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Amanda Duffin

Mrs Mary McCann

Dr Anne Cassidy

(Leadership Team)