

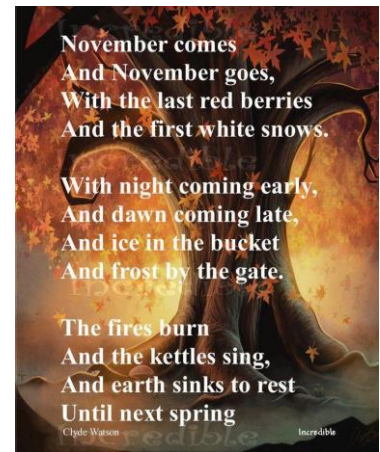


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Forthcoming Events

Parent Information Evening will take place this Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm. It is vitally important that one parent from each family is in attendance, to be updated regarding the School Development Plan and Safeguarding our children. **Parent Teacher Meetings** will take place during the week beginning 13th November. Each parent will be given a time at which to meet with your child's teacher in school to discuss their progress to date. (further details in letter to follow).

Anti Bullying Week (13th - 17th November) this year's theme is "**All Equal, All Different, All Together**". During the month of November we will focus on the topic of Bullying, encouraging children to become inclusive, kind and respectful. We ask parents to talk to your children about bullying and emphasise the importance of reporting bullying when it occurs. (Please read leaflet attached)

Theatre Trip

We have booked a trip to the Bardic Theatre to their Christmas Pantomime on Wednesday 6th December for all pupils in P3 - P7. The cost for this trip will be £10 per child. The Panto is called Sleeping Beauty Dreams and our drama teacher Jim is one of the leading characters. We are giving pupils plenty of notice for this event so that they can begin saving towards the entry fee.

Board of Governors

A position has become vacant on the Board of Governors for a representative from our school community. If you are interested in being a school governor or would like to nominate someone for the position, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by 12 noon on Thursday 16th November so that we can begin the process of filling the position.

Free School Meals

Parents are encouraged to check your entitlement to free school meals using the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Dates for your Diary

- **7th November** - Parent Information Meeting.
- **13th-17th November** Parent Teacher Meetings
- **24th November** - Healthy Eating Theme Day.
- **6th December** - Trip to Bardic Theatre
- **15th December** - Christmas Show
- **19th December** - Christmas Dinner

Accelerated Reading

All pupils in P4 - P7 have been using the Accelerated Reading Programme over the past two years and the registration fee (£801.90) for the coming year is now due. We are asking parents of all pupils in P4 - P7 to contribute £5 per pupil towards this registration fee. Please forward your money in an envelope to the school office ASAP.

Thank you

A massive thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends of the school who generously supported our Coffee Morning, which raised £1390 for school funds. A special thank you to Elizabeth, Annette and Mrs Lennon who gave up their Saturday morning to work so hard providing such a beautiful variety of food for the occasion. Thank you too to the parents who donated home baking, to McElroys Spar and Strathroy who sponsored food for the morning. We would also like to acknowledge the staff of our school who helped out on the day, making the occasion a very worthwhile school/community event.

Best Wishes

On behalf of the staff and pupils of St Patrick's, we wish the St. Macartan's Ladies management and team especially our past pupils the very best of luck in their Ulster Club Final this weekend in Emyvale.

