

Christmas Events 2022



Daily Mile Santa Run

The children will take part in the Daily Mile Santa Run in school on **Friday 2nd December**. We would ask the children to wear Christmas jumpers, hats and clothing to get into the Christmas spirit and celebrate the occasion.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Santa Run

The Ballinderry Christmas Fun Run in aid of St. Vincent de Paul will take place on **Sunday 4th December at 11:30am**. Registration from **11am** in the Ballinderry Community Hub. There will be a number of events taking place on the day. Everyone welcome!

Christmas Dinner

Children will have Christmas dinner in school on **Friday 9th December**. Children can wear Christmas jumpers, hats and clothing. School will finish at **1pm**. Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas dinner made by our super canteen staff, Margaret, Colette and Ann-Marie.

Outdoor Christmas Carol Service

Our Outdoor Christmas Carol Service will take place on **Thursday 15th December 6:30pm** at the Ballinderry Community Hub. The P1 to P7 children will be performing their chosen Christmas Carols and Songs. The P5/P6/P7 instrumental group will also be performing Christmas tunes on the night. Tickets are £5 each and will be available from the school office next week.

Annual Christmas Draw 2022

In association with our 'Friends of Derrychrin' PTA, we will be holding our annual Christmas Draw at the Outdoor Christmas Carol Service on **Thursday 15th December**. Each family will receive 2 books of tickets. Tickets cost £10 for a book of 10 or £1 per ticket.

We would kindly ask for your support in the sale of the tickets and appreciate if all ticket stubs and money could be returned to the school by Wednesday 14th December. Should any family require additional tickets, please contact the school office.



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Primary 1 Nativity Show & Open Morning

Our P1 Nativity Show will take place in school hall on **Tuesday 20th December at 9:30am**. All P1 parents/guardians are welcome to attend, and we invite prospective P1 parents who have a child starting P1 in September 2023. The children and staff from the Ballinderry Playgroup will also be in attendance.

Our Principal, Mr McElroy, will deliver a presentation to prospective P1 parents regarding school life in Derrychrin PS and there will also be an opportunity to take a tour of the school.

Singing Santa!

A special Christmas treat for all the children will take place on **Wednesday 21st December**. Singing Santa will visit the school in his campervan to perform many Christmas songs and deliver special treats to the children. They will also get the opportunity to see the Santa Campervan! Something for the children to look forward to in the build up to the Christmas holidays.

SVDP Community Fundraising

Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international charity and the largest voluntary charity in Ireland. SVDP members in Northern Ireland work in all communities to support people whatever their background, who are experiencing poverty and social exclusion, promoting self-sufficiency, and working for social justice.

Over the years, SVDP have valued every donation received from schools and businesses. Without this support they would simply not be able to help all of those who ask us for assistance in the lead up to Christmas.

As a school community we are working closely with the Ballinderry Fundraising Community. **If you are unable to attend the SVDP Santa Fun Run and the Toy Appeal you can opt to send cash donations into Derrychrin PS School Office.** We will forward all donations to SVDP for the purchase of food, fuel and toy vouchers to help those most in need within the local Ballinderry community.

Ballinderry Christmas Toy Appeal

In association with St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Toy Appeal for local children in need, all donations of toy/gifts (new and unwrapped please), can be left in to the Ballinderry Community Hub on **Friday 25th November between 6:30pm -8pm**

Christmas 'Split the Pot'

With to our annual Christmas Draw, the weekly 'Split the Pot' fundraiser will take place only once in the month of December. The date confirmed for December 'Split the Pot' is **Wednesday 21st December**. Thank you for your continued support.

