

# Newsletter Strandtown PS



December 2018

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**End of Term:** Fri

21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 12:30

**Return to School:**

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019



**Dear Parents,**

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of 2018, although this term has been so productive & there is much to celebrate. Our Year 4 pupils in their fabulous Christmas Concert, each & everyone a bright shining Christmas star. Our pupil's wonderful participation in our school council initiative 'Strandtown's Got Talent'. Our Year 7 pupils who navigated the Autumn months of testing with composure & dedication. Our netball teams who competed in 6 matches against Gilnahirk PS. Our boys' rugby teams who are travelling to Campbell College to play a few friendly matches. Our Key Stage 2 Choir's wonderful performances in Wandsworth Community Centre and Bell Rotary. Our Junior Choir's festive performance in Castle Court to raise money for Autism NI. Most importantly of course is our celebration of every child's efforts & commitment to their school experience. I have only mentioned a few recent highlights and I can assure you there have been many more amongst the daily bustle & joy of Strandtown. It has been a great year but the best is still ahead of us. Thank you to all our parents for your ongoing support & investment in Strandtown & our school community. This has been evident through our charity events & the two drop box appeals.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas &

I look forward to a prosperous 2019 for all our Strandtown family.

V Hutchinson

## NEWS UPDATES:

On 13<sup>th</sup> December, we have our first meeting of our newly reconstituted Board of Governors that will serve for the next 4 years.

Thank you to Mrs. Carrigan who served as a teacher representative & Mr. Quigley who served as a transferor representative from Kirkpatrick Presbyterian. They have given a wonderful 4 years of service to the school & we are enormously grateful for their commitment.



<b>Mrs. N Gilbert</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Mrs. B Conaghan</b>	<b>Education Authority Representative</b>
<b>Mr. R Quinlan</b>	<b>Church Representative</b>
<b>Mr. H Black</b>	<b>Church Representative</b>
<b>Rev H Steed</b>	<b>Church Representative</b>
<b>Dr L Keown</b>	<b>Church Representative</b>
<b>Mrs. J Cochrane</b>	<b>Parent Representative</b>
<b>Mrs. D Sloan</b>	<b>Parent Representative</b>
<b>Miss P Courtenay</b>	<b>Teacher Representative</b>
<b>Mrs. V Hutchinson</b>	<b>Honorary Secretary</b>



Due to access restrictions arising from the build there will be no school Open Night in January.



We see our Ski Trip depart on 19/01/19 for 6 nights in Ehrwald.



On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December our Senior Choir will be participating in a community Christmas service at Knock Presbyterian Church

Please see over for important PTA updates.

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## **PTA NEWS**

### **What has Strandtown PTA been up to this term?**

We've been busy, we organised a BBQ, junior disco, mad hair/non-uniform day, Christmas hamper draw, two trips to the Grand Opera House panto & the Christmas Craft Fair. *A HUGE THANK YOU* to all the parents who gave time to help plan & run and donate to these events! We depend on your support, you make them a success.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strandtownpta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strandtownpta)

We've also signed up to easyfundraising. Online shopping though the app has already raised £100 for our school. It's so easy to use, doesn't cost you a penny and raises free funds for our school so please use the app for all your online shopping & raise funds for our school.

### **Where does all the money go?**

This term £454 has been spent on resources & equipment for special educational needs and £10,000 for an additional 30 iPads. Also £2,717 has been earmarked for new equipment & markings for the new playground which will be installed in Spring 2019.

Each classroom only has three iPads for our children to use, PTA funds have allowed the school to increase this to four. Our aim is to further increase this to five iPads per classroom by June 2019. We would also like to be in a position to pay for the classroom resources for 2019/2020 which will cost another £10,000. Your support and help at PTA events & activities can make it happen.

Strandtown PTA wishes all our school community a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year