



## December Newsletter – Primary 7 - 2011

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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, December is a very exciting and busy month in school. The month of December will be taken up with rehearsals for the Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service – 7.00pm – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We have lots of great experiences ahead for our P.7's. This “Arts” area of the curriculum provides a very welcome break from the Term 1 “daily diet” of English & Mathematics! Homework for December will mainly consist of rehearsing lines and learning song lyrics, and, of course, reading.

### Curriculum Content for December

- Numeracy – Shape & Space, 3D nets - Christmas decorations – gift boxes. Christmas co-ordinates. Victorians needle point patterns.
- Language & Literacy – Reading – group novels, class novels, “Under The Hawthorn Tree” & “The Wildflower Girl”. Shared/ individual reading. Winter/Christmas poetry. Charles Dickens’s - “A Christmas Carol” writers techniques, mood, alliteration, assonance, rhythmic repetition- Continue spelling workbooks – synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, suffixes. Proof reading and editing. Christmas word sleuths, crosswords and puzzles. Advent – A time for change/ the Christmas message.
- The World Around Us – Recycling Art & Craft Day. Topic work – “ A Victorian Childhood”. Roles in society. Rich Victorian daily life compared to life for poor Victorians. Changes in technology – “The Great Exhibition”. Victorian Clothing. Clothes in Dickens’s Day. How the Victorians changed Christmas. Mini projects – researching the life of a famous Victorian.
- Religion – Modern Day prophets. Advent, a time for waiting! The Christmas Story and the history of the Advent wreath. Class prayers – continue learning all mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Christmas carols and hymns. Preparation for Carol Service & The Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- PDMU – Advent and changing our ways in time for Christmas. Spiritual preparation for Christmas – linking with “Confessions”. The importance of Teamwork.
- P.E – Creative dance – putting movement/dance to lyrics of Christmas songs.
- The Arts – Christmas Carol Service, singing traditional & modern Christmas songs. Christmas art & craft. Painting – A Victorian Street scene. Costume design for 3 ghosts of Christmas. Art & Craft Day – Christmas art day with local artist (using junk materials)

### DATE FOR CONFIRMATION – SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012

Children home early – 1.30pm on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – parent /teacher interviews

School closed Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Christmas dinner – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Children home early – 1.30pm

School closes at 11.00am on Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> December for our Christmas holidays!

We wish everyone a very happy and Holy Christmas and a great New Year! Thank-you for your continued support in P7,

Mrs Anne Mc Kenna,  
Mrs Michelle Marley,  
Mrs Clare Taggart.

