STRABANE CONTROLLED PRIMARY **SCHOOL** 43 Derry Road Strabane Co. Tyrone BT828DX Tel. (028) 71 382510 Fax. (028) 71 382525 12th December 2023

Principal Mrs. C Thompson

Re. Arrangements for Pantomime

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ahead of the three days of pantomime performances, please see outline of arrangements.

Car parking

There will be car parking available on the school site as the **senior playground** will be marshalled by Uel, our building supervisor. Please follow our longstanding one-way system entering via the double gates at the playground and exiting by turning left as you leave the double gates.

Sacred Heart Church, Strabane has also kindly offered their car park for parking, unless there is a Mass on one of the three days, (currently there is not). You are also requested to follow their one-way system.

Please be reminded, for the safety of all users, a 5-mph speed is essential in both vicinities and of course, drive with caution, care and courtesy.

Raffle

Our pantomime raffles for the children's baskets are on display in school, with one for seniors and one for juniors. Tickets are priced at £1 each and will be drawn next week. The pantomime raffles for the adult basket will be drawn at each of the performances. Tickets will be sold on the day at £1 a ticket. Thank you for supporting our PTFA fundraising efforts.

Dinners

Dinners will be served early on the three days of panto.

- Fri 15th Dec as per menu
- Mon 18th Dec Stew/fish -
- Tues 19th Dec as per menu

Snack and drink - You may wish to send a drink and a snack for your child on each of these days to sustain them for the afternoon on these three school days.

Times

Friday 15th December doors open at 12.20pm, showing at 12.45pm including instrumentalists. Monday 18th December doors open at 12.30pm, showing at 1pm Tuesday 19th December doors open at 12.30pm, showing at 1pm

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Home time

As you can imagine, home time will be challenging as we endeavour to have all children off stage and ready for collection at the Junior playground area. To enable us to have clarity, please indicate clearly on the tear off slip, how your child will go home on each of the three days, bearing in mind that we may not be finished on time for the EA buses before they are due to depart. Nursery pupils to be collected from the Nursery gate as per normal procedure.

There are a few tickets left for Monday and some for Tuesday which are available to purchase on the PTFA website. Thanks again to our chairman and treasurer for setting up the online system and making the process easy to access. A gentle reminder that Friday's performance will be starting at 12.45pm as the musicians will be performing before the show. Friday's performance will be recorded and available for digital download. Further details to follow on the release of the recording.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Fallows and Mrs. McConnell for their work in our whole school pantomime production. Thanks to all the staff, the PTFA committee and to you, the parents for your support and help in putting on the show. Our pupils are very excited, as it is such an important and enjoyable experience for them as they create this new memory.

Open Day

Our School Open Day will be held on Tuesday 9^{th} January 2 – 4pm. Please see school website for further details. We have been busy recording a promotional video ahead of the day for release on social media. Please let the school office know if you **do not wish** to have your child in this short video of our school.

The online applications for Nursery and P1 will go live on the 9th of January -26^{th} January 2024. This is also an opportunity for new pupils in Year 2 – Year 7 who may wish to view our school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. C Thon	npson
Principal	

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Please complete, detach and return to school by Thursday 14th December, thank you

Home time arrangements

Options:

- Permission to walk.
- EA bus
- Parent to collect from junior playground.

Pupil name/s

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Monday 18 th Dec	
Tuesday 19 th Dec	

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