



STRABANE CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal Mrs. C Thompson

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tickets

- Tickets for this year's pantomime, 'The Pied Piper' will go live on Wednesday 4th December and will be available to purchase **online** with a NO maximum purchase. You can buy as many tickets as you wish.
- **The online portal address is:**
<https://ptfa.strabaneps.co.uk/>
- Tickets are **£7** each.
- Once you have purchased your tickets online, your tickets will be emailed to you. Please print them at home or show on mobile device. Tickets will not be seat allocated, when you arrive on the day, you can choose your seat.
- Showings as follows:
 - Monday 16th December doors open at 12.30pm, show at 1pm
 - Tuesday 17th December doors open at 5.45pm, with instrumentalist from 6pm and show at 6.30pm. This showing will be recorded.
 - Wednesday 18th December doors open at 6.00pm, show at 6.30pm

Please note that our instrumentalists will play before the pantomime on Tuesday 17th December. The pantomime will also be professionally recorded on Tuesday 17th. Digital downloads of the recording will be available to purchase after the showings.

Timetable changes

Nursery children will start school on Monday 16th at 11.30am until 3pm. They will attend as normal every other day.

Primary children will go home at 1.15pm on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th to allow time to return to school for 6pm on both evenings. Mrs. Simpson's Musicians will be required at 5.30pm on Tuesday only.

Collection after the showings

- Monday 16th – collection as normal from relevant playgrounds. Nursery children to be collected as normal at the end of the pantomime.
- Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th – pupils can be collected from their classroom door at the end of the shows.

Only staff and pupils are permitted to enter the classrooms.

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Disability access

Please continue to purchase your tickets in the same manner online for these seats. You must then make the school office aware of the need for special access so that arrangements can be made.

Raffle

The PTFA are also organising a raffle this year which will be conducted in school and on the night of the shows. Tickets are priced at £1 each and will go on sale in school.

Thanks, and encouragement!

Thank you to all the pupils, staff, parents and volunteers who are working so very hard to produce our much-loved annual pantomime. There is a great buzz and excitement amongst the pupils as they look forward to presenting 'The Pied Piper' to you all. I know you will encourage and help your children to learn their songs and lines at home. We look forward to welcoming you to this year's pantomime and to see our pupils shine on stage.

Snack and drink

You may wish to send a drink and a snack for your child on each of the days to sustain them for the Pantomimes.

PTFA Raffle and Oakfield Park Santa experience

Again, a huge thanks to you all for your participation in our special raffle for the Oakfield park Santa experience. Congratulations to Harvey Crumley Y4 and Myson Baird Y2 whose numbers were drawn.

Diary reminders

Christmas dinner will take place in school on Thursday 5th December and will cost £2.60 for children not entitled to free school meals (£2.50 for nursery pupils). This will consist of a traditional Christmas dinner and a dessert. Pupils are permitted to wear Christmas or winter jumpers on this day.

Santa Daily Mile

The Daily Mile Santa Run will take place in school on Friday 6th December. Pupils can wear Christmas / winter jumpers. Please contribute £1 for the school council funds.



Half Day

School and Nursery **will close half day** at 11.30am on Friday 20th December 2024. School dinners are optional that day but will be served between 11.00am-11.30am for anyone who wishes. School and Nursery will reopen on **Monday 6th January 2025**.

Thank you, for your support and cooperation, on all of these matters.

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Digital Admissions Applications

Nursery

Children born on or between 2 July 2021 and 1 July 2022 (inclusive) or who come under the deferral circumstances, are eligible for a place in our nursery unit.

Year 1

Any child whose fourth birthday falls on or before 1 July 2025 will have reached compulsory school age in September 2025. Children who are currently in our nursery or the playgroup will need to apply for a place.

EA will publish admissions criteria on the 5th December 2024.

If your child is starting pre-school or primary school in September 2025, you can apply for their place online from **Friday 10th January 2025 at 12 noon**.

The closing date and time for pre-school and primary one applications will be **12 noon on Friday 24th January 2025**.

Further information on the admissions procedure will be available on the EA website under Admissions: www.eani.org.uk/admissions

Transferring from Year 7 to Year 8 in September 2025

Information on the procedures for post primary school admissions in September 2025.

EA will publish admissions criteria for post primary on the 5th December 2024.

The online portal opens on **Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12 noon** until **12 noon on Thursday 20th February 2025**.

Further information on the admissions procedure will be available on the EA website under Admissions: www.eani.org.uk/admissions

OPEN AFTERNOON

Strabane Primary School will hold its Open Afternoon on Thursday 9th January 2025 2- 4pm. Pupils will go home early that day to allow school to set up.

Home time on Thursday 9th January 2025

Nursery 12 noon

Year 1 – Year 7 12 noon

Thank you, for your support and cooperation, on all of these matters.

Yours faithfully,

C Thompson

Mrs. C Thompson

Principal

