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**Please keep checking on our website at [www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk)**

Download the 'Free' Schools NI website app and select Bush Primary School.

Remember to tick the box to receive notifications in settings.

### **P1 & P2 and P3 & P4 will be performing the Nativity!**

We are making PROVISIONAL plans for the children to perform the Nativity as shown below. Please try and keep the date free to come along. Each showing will last about 30 minutes and unfortunately we can only accommodate one visitor \*\* for each child and you can only attend on the date and time shown below. We have had a high number of Covid cases from September, therefore this will be dependent on the situation on the day and regulations from the Department of Education and the Executive. There will be a video taken which will be uploaded, in the event of us having to cancel for visitors and for those unable to attend in person. Face coverings, unless medically exempt, must be worn.

**P1** parents on Tuesday 14th December @ 9.30am **P2** parents on Wednesday 15th December @ 9.30am

**P3** parents on Tuesday 14th December @10.30am. **P4** parents on Wednesday 15th December @10.30am.

As P4 is a smaller class, 2 visitors per pupil can attend. 'Twins' in any of the classes can have one visitor each! (We hope to be able to have P5– P7 'perform' later in the year.)

### **Admission to Nursery September 2022 & Primary 1 September 2022**

Application forms for both Nursery and Primary 1 should be completed online through the link on the Education Authority website [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk). The portal will be open from noon on Monday 10th January 2022 and will close at noon on Friday 28th January 2022.

**Your child's birth certificate and any other necessary documentation should be uploaded to the document hub. The application form will tell you how to do this.**

We are unable to hold an Open Evening like we did previously but the NURSERY school will be open on Saturday 18th December 2021 from 9am—1pm for prospective parents to view the facilities. A 15 min appointment time must be booked in advance by telephoning the school office on 02887725102 or by email to [info@bush.dungannon.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@bush.dungannon.ni.sch.uk)

Please visit our website at [www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk) where you will be able to view the virtual tour of both the nursery and primary school.

**School Christmas Dinner** will be on Friday 17th December, normal price of £2.60. If your child is NOT intending to take dinner on this date please ask them to tell their teacher or for the younger children please send in a short note to confirm (by Friday 10th December please).

**ON THIS DATE P1-P3 children and older siblings will finish school at 1.15pm and P4-P7 will finish @ 1.30pm. The school bus will be available, leaving at 1.30pm.**

### **NON - UNIFORM DAYS**

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd December. **(No contribution required.)**

### **Swimming**

Swimming lessons for P5 finish on Wednesday 8th December & P6 on Friday 10th December.

Next term P7 and P4 will be starting swimming in January.



### Parking and travel around school.

As we enter the winter months with dark, dull mornings and slippery conditions it is essential for the safety of the pupils that all parents and carers read and follow this information carefully.

If you are not the person who normally drops off and collects your child then please share this note with those who do.

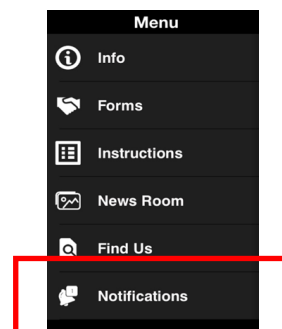
- At any time within the school grounds and in the vicinity of the school, speed must be kept to an absolute minimum.
- The school bus bay must be kept clear at 8.45am and 2.45pm and at 12 noon on early closings.
- Only those designated groups shown on the parking sign may enter the school car park. ('Soon to be new Mums' or those travelling with small babies are also able to park in the school carpark).

**Cinema** Provisional arrangements are being made to take P2-P7 to Dungannon Cinema for their Christmas outing. Further details will follow. This is dependent on DE regulations.



### Downloading the School app.

The menu bar will appear at the top of your screen. If asked for a password, it is 11111, enable notifications, as messages will be sent through this app. A message was sent on Tuesday 9th November. Please check you received the message. Please also use the app to notify school of absences.



### Sustrans Ditch the Dark Day

Thank you all for the tremendous effort made for this day.

The outfits, and for those who were able to, the efforts made to cycle, scoot and walk were excellent.

For 'some' staff members the outfits brought back many memories of the 80's. Well done to all the 'bright,' children at Bush PS!

### Holidays

**School closes at 11.45am for Nursery and P1 – P3 children and any older brothers and sisters and 12.00 noon for P4 – P7 children on Wednesday 22nd December** (no school dinner) (bus available) and reopens at 8.30 am on **Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

**Daily Mile Santa Run** - Will be held at school on Friday 3rd December.

Children can wear a Santa hat or Christmas jumper!



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## Snow/Emergency Closure, Bush PS & NU Winter 2021 - 2022

### Main reasons for closure:

- PSNI/Met Office warning to only travel if absolutely essential.
- Adequate number of staff able to be in attendance.
- Can emergency services access the school quickly and safely should the need arise during the school day?
- **Notification of closure:**

Firstly, a message will be placed on our school website ([www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk))

and the PTA Facebook page

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Secondly, by text message to all families using the school text messaging service. This service uses the main mobile contact number which has been given to school. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that school is notified of any changes to contact numbers. Thirdly, by notification to BBC NI News who will produce a list. A list of closures will be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsni>

### **School Bus:**

If the bus does not come out to bring your child to school, assume (unless there has been a significant thaw) that it will not be bringing your child home and make arrangements to collect your child from school.

If it snows significantly during the course of the day assume there will be no bus in the afternoon and make arrangements to collect your child from school. The drivers do try to keep us up to date so you can also check with school.

On days when a **significant** fall occurs during the day we will try to send all children home at 1.30/1.45 pm in order to allow staff time to travel home in daylight and also to reduce parental journeys.

It would be **highly unusual** that school would close for snow but if you are in doubt, do not set out in the morning until you are sure school is open. A slightly later start will be acceptable.

Remember, staff may also be delayed so when dropping off your child, check teachers are present before you drive off. If we do get some snow, send your child to school with Wellingtons, hats, gloves etc so that those who wish to do so, can enjoy the snow!

Finally, please drive and walk carefully in and around school. At times we do have to close off the carparks as the entrance, even after clearing and salting can be very slippery.

