Dates in December:

Friday 4 th December	Open Day for prospective pupils	1.30pm
Monday 7 th December	P2/3 Class Assembly	10.00am
Monday 14 th December	P5-7 Christmas Play Dress rehearsal	10.00am
Tuesday 15 th December	P5-7 Christmas play night	7.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	P1-4 Christmas Play Dress rehearsal	10.30am
Wednesday 16 th December	P1-4 Christmas play night	7.30pm
Thursday 17 th December	Grange choir in the community	
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas	12.00noon

Mass Attendance in Our Lady of Lourdes, Grange:

Date	Class	Time
08/12/15 Feast of	Whole school mass	9.00am (earlier start
Immaculate Conception		time)
10/12/15	P3/4	9.30am
17/12/15	P2/3	9.30am
06/01/16Feast of the	Whole school mass	9.00am (earlier start
Epiphany		time)

UP AT THE KINGDOM:

Friday: 7pm Movie Night with 'The Little Prince' animation adventure. Saturday: 11am P1 & P2 Football, 12pm P3 & P4 Football, 12pm P5, P6 & P7 Football.

Monday: 8pm Coaching for coaches of U10 & U12 footballers.

Tuesday: 7pm Christmas Arts & Crafts.

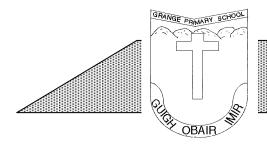
Wednesday: 6.30pm Coaching for Camogie coaches.

Thursday: 7pm Santa switches on Christmas Tree lights at Dunavil.

WELCOME:

A BIG HELLO TO OUR PRESCHOOL PUPILS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON FOR OUR OPEN DAY.

WE HOPE THEY FIND THE VISIT INFORMATIVE AND HELP CONVINCE THEM THIS WOULD BE A GOOD CHOICE FOR THEIR CHILD'S FORMATIVE EDUCATION YEARS.



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Grange Newsletter



On Monday 30 November 45 shoeboxes were collected from Grange Primary School for the Blytheswood Care Shoebox Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who was involved.

Email: info@grange.kilkeel.ni.sch.uk

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Friends of Grange Coffee Morning:

Sincere thanks to all those who came out to support last weekend's Coffee Morning in aid of the Southern Area Hospice. The total raised on the day was: £351.89 and €15.00. The amount raised through the P7 pupils' raffles was£38.30. A presentation will be made to The Hospice for £400. Many thanks to the ladies who helped out with preparations and on the day itself.

Mass attendance on 8th December:

All our pupils will attend the **9.00am mass in Grange** on the feast day **of The Immaculate Conception of Mary.** We ask if all pupils could be brought to school on Tuesday for **8.45am** to allow for administration tasks to be completed in advance of going over to the chapel. Many thanks.

Sacramental Dates:

Dates have been confirmed within the parish for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and Confirmation respectively:

Holy Communion for Grange PS pupils will take place on Saturday 7^{th} May at 10.00am

Confirmation for our 3 parish schools will take place on Monday 9th May at 4.00pm. A busy 3 days.

Class Assemblies:

Well done to the pupils in Mrs Sloan's class who presented their Advent assembly last Monday.

The children from Primary 2 and 3 will perform their assembly next **Monday** 7th **December at 10.00am.** Parents and family members are most welcome to attend these class assemblies as their children participate.

P3 Advent Families:

This Sunday, the families of Jane Sloan and Eoin Murnion will participate at the 9.00am mass.

Christmas Concert Play Nights:

Everyone should have received the requests for tickets to attend this year's Play nights on Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th December. Tickets for each concert night will be Adults/Teenagers (£3.00), Primary Age Children (£1.00). We ask that parents indicate on the Reply Slip specifically how many Adult and/or Child tickets they require.

Children performing on the night do not have to pay!!!

Today a request slip goes home for those wishing to attend **the dress rehearsals**. With pre-school and local community groups invited to these performances, we are limited in the seating available, but we would hope to be able to accommodate requests.

Newry Feis:

Entry for the Poetry / Primary Verse Speaking Section of this year's Newry Feis competitions is now open. Cost for entering the feis is £3.00 per entry

Change of date for P1-4 Dress Rehearsal:

In order to best accommodate our pre-school members, the dress rehearsal performance of the P1-4 play will now take place on Wednesday 16th December at 10.00am, not on Tuesday. We hope this doesn't cause too much inconvenience.

Pastoral Care Review: Anti- Bullying Week:

Each family should have this week received 4 summary policy brochures detailing our school's agreed policy and procedures relating to overall Pastoral Care, Safeguarding & Child Protection, Anti-Bullying and E-Safety. Parents are asked to acknowledge receipt and provide any views / comments as necessary before returning the Reply sheet to school.

There was also our reviewed policy in relation to instances of **unexpected school closure** due to adverse weather or other exceptional circumstances. We ask that parents familiarise themselves with the procedures detailed within this leaflet and make any views/suggestions known.

Swimming lessons for P5/6:

Our 12 week programme of swimming lessons has now ended for Term 1. Beginning in January, P5 & P7 pupils will begin a second series of lessons.

Open Enrolment to Primary 1 in September 2016:

The application period for parents to apply for a place in Primary 1 in September 2016 is now open. Please contact school for an application form, school prospectus. Application for admission to preschool is also open.

Christmas Raffle:

We will not be having our large annual Chritmas raffle this year so soon after the raffle in October. Instead, we will have 2 small raffles on the nights of our play performances. Our parents' group plan to make up 2 sweet hampers, one for each night along with other prizes. They ask that parents might consider **donating sweet items** to allow these hampers to be put together. Please send in any items before next Friday.

Grange Primary School Mass Attendance:

We celebrated a beautiful whole school Advent mass on Thursday with many of our pupils involved in the liturgy. We commend the readers, singers and instrumentalists for their efforts and sharing their gift with others.

Panto Balance:

We ask that any outstanding money for Panto attendance is paid asap.

Grange Primary School Open Day:

We thank everyone for accommodating requests in relation to today's OPEN DAY. We sincerely thank parents for making alternative collection arrangements. We look forward to meeting some of next year's P1s.