



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

06 January 2025

A Happy New Year to you all. Just a few points as we get under way again.

1. DVDs of the Christmas Show are available at a cost of £10. If you would like a copy please send money into school in an envelope labelled 'Mrs Goan, DVD'.
2. A reminder that pupils **should not** be dropped off at school before 8.45am.
3. Swimming at Riversdale Leisure Centre, Strabane will begin for Years 6 & 7 on Monday 3rd February. The bus will leave at approximately 10.15am and the children will be back before lunch. There will be a cost of £25 per child attending the lessons, there will be 10 weeks of swimming sessions. The remainder of the cost will be covered by school. A permission slip has also been sent home with your child today that needs to be returned to school no later than Friday 10th January confirming whether your child will be participating in the swimming programme, as due to our numbers we may need to employ an additional life guard. We ask that the £25 is sent into school by Monday 20th January.
4. On Friday 10th January at 12 noon, EA Connect opens for online applications for Primary 1 and closes on Friday 24th January at 12 noon. Our admissions criteria can now be viewed on the EA website.

For Post Primary (Year 8), EA Connect will open on Tuesday 28th January at 12 noon and will close on Thursday 20th February at 12 noon.

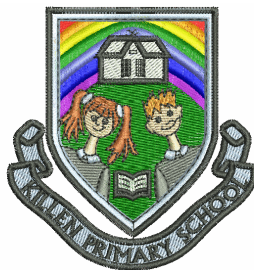
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| 5. Dinner money for January | £52.00 (20 days @ £2.60) |
| Milk money for January | £ 4.00 (20 days @ 20p) |
| Sponsorship money | 25p a week (if you wish) |

We continue to sponsor a boy in Kenya, Kisau Lekatuk, through the charity, Action Aid, to help with education, etc. Information on Kisau is displayed on the notice board just inside the Y6/7 entrance door.

A reminder that all dinner money must be paid on a Monday and milk money must be paid at the start of each month.

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6. Dates for your diary for Year 6 and Year 7 Parents and pupils.
Castledearg High School Open Night is on Thursday 16th January commencing at 7.00pm. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Year 7 children will visit Castledearg High School on 20th January to participate in the 'Big School Day'.

Strabane Academy Open Night is on Thursday 23rd January commencing at 6.30pm.

Omagh Academy Open Night is on Thursday 30th January commencing at 6.30pm.

7. Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of school attendance. We have a dedicated Education Welfare Officer, Declan McGillian, who works with our school to discuss attendance matters. Regular school attendance is crucial in raising standards in education and ensuring that every child can have full access to the school curriculum and reach their potential. Poor overall attendance will result in communication from Mrs Goan. If the attendance rate falls below 85% and Mrs Goan does not see it improve immediately, a referral will be made to the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO). The EA, through the Education Welfare Service, have a legal duty to make sure that parents meet their responsibility towards their children's education. Please note that if your child is off school parents must send in a written note explaining why their child was absent, to ensure that it is coded correctly on the attendance register. Holidays should be taken during periods of school closure.

8. Dates for the term:

06/01/2025	term begins
13 - 14/02/2025	half-term holiday
17 - 18/03/2025	school closed - St. Patrick's holiday
16/04/2025	last day of term (half day)
17/04/25-25/04/25	Easter Holiday
28/04/2025	Summer term begins

Yours sincerely,

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