

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December. Each class has prepared a short performance. To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for the audience and the performers, we would ask parents to come to the event on their allotted day.

Tuesday 19th December, 12.30p.m.
Parents of Junior Infants, 1st, 3rd & 5th.

Wednesday 20th December, 12.30p.m.
Parents of S. Infants, 2nd, 4th, & 6th.

The performances will finish at approximately 1.30 p.m. The Parents' Association have kindly invited everyone to Christmas refreshments directly after the school concert on Wednesday 20th December.



SPONSORSHIP:

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who generously sponsored us in our fund-raising events throughout the year and a sincere thanks to our hard-working Parents' Association. They are truly inspirational. Have you seen our beautiful Christmas tree donated by Killakee Christmas Tree Farm (Justin & Karen Morton) and our amazing reindeer, handcrafted by Gerry Cunney?

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

I take this opportunity to thank our Board of Management for all their hard work over the past year especially Joanne and Justin, your parent

representatives. A Board of Management report will be issued next week.



GREEN SCHOOLS:

Congratulations to all those boys and girls who continue to 'Walk on Wednesdays' - keep up the great work. Who will win the Golden Boot award?

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please make sure that all library books are returned to the school no later than Friday 15th December 2017.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please continue to keep Ms Tallon and Valerie in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Wednesday 20th December 2017, we will have our usual cake sale after the show. There will also be little photo clay crafts for sale which the children have made with their teachers. Our Christmas raffle will also take place. We are very grateful to all those who donated prizes.

CRUMLIN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Thursday 22nd December, we are asking you to support the Crumlin Christmas Jumper Appeal. We understand that some children don't have Christmas jumpers so any coloured jumper can be worn on this day. Any donation would be appreciated which will be sent to Crumlin Children's Hospital. We suggest €2 per child, or €4 per family.

FAMILY ACCOUNTS:

Thanks so much to all who have settled their accounts regarding Irish dancing

and books. If you could settle all outstanding accounts due to the school on or before 21st December, it would be much appreciated, as this is our last banking day. In the new year we will begin using an online payment system, so it is important that outstanding amounts are cleared in advance of this. Thank you so much to those families who have made a kind donation to the school. It is very much appreciated.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

The teachers and I are very much aware and grateful for the support you give us throughout the year. There is no necessity for giving Christmas presents. This cuts out on needless expense for families at this time of year.

ADVERSE WEATHER:

Weather conditions, during school terms, are sometimes so uncertain, due to flooding, snowstorms, etc., that it is impossible to predict the certain opening of the school. However, every effort will be made to keep the school functioning if at all possible. If it is obvious to you that road conditions are so hazardous, staff and children may not be able to reach the school, please **DO NOT send the children until 10am. You are asked to adopt a common sense approach - if in doubt, wait.**

If an emergency should result in the closure of the school (an extremely rare possibility), the gates will remain closed and the children will be sent home ON ARRIVAL at the school.

A text message will also be sent if possible.

Suggestions in such circumstances

- Please ensure that the school is open before dropping your child off in the mornings.
- Please have alternative arrangements made for your child should the school be closed. This is especially important for children of working parents.

N.B. THE SCHOOL WILL REMAIN OPEN IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

DON'T FORGET!!

Children may wear their Dublin jersey or blue on Thursday for our expected visit of "The Sam Maguire" and "The Brendan Martin" cups.

On Friday we will raise our "Active Flag" at 1.40pm. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

The school will close on Friday, 22nd December, at **12 noon** and re-open on Monday, 8th January 2018 at 8.45am.

I take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their enthusiasm, commitment and dedication. I am blessed to have such a supportive team around me.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh go léir



**Philomena Cleary
Principal**