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### December Newsletter

Dear Parents,

#### **1. Junior Infant Enrolment.**

The Enrolment for Junior Infants for the 2017/ 2018 school year will take place over three dates, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February. Times 9.30 a.m.– 12.30 p.m and 2.00 p.m. – 4.00p.m.

The following items will be required when enrolling a child in Junior Infants.

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate if not baptised in Clane
- Proof of address (current utility bill)
- Child's PPS Number

#### **2. Book Fair**

The recent Book Fair was extremely successful. The commission earned by the school for hosting the fair amounted to €2340 worth of free books. This is a wonderful boost to our stock of books in the classrooms and in the library. We are very grateful to all of you who supported the Fair - parents and pupils who purchased books and staff who gave up their free time to help out.

Sincerely,

Mary Rose Maybury,  
Book Fair Organiser.

#### **3. Children staying In**

Please remember that children are not allowed to stay in at lunchtime unless they have a broken limb, for health and safety reasons.

#### **4. Clane AC**

We would kindly like to thank Clane Athletic Club who presented us with an athletics kit which contains hurdles, cones, foam javelins, foam discs, batons etc. We will put it to good use.

#### **5. Hazel Hall**

The 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils went to Hazel Hall, Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> to entertain the residents with Christmas Carols and some music.

#### **6. Basketball**

Our Basketball Team are playing against Sallins on Friday. We would like to thank Scoil Mhuire for allowing us the use of their facilities for our home game.

## **7. Debate Team**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> class debate team won their latest debate in Scoil Mochua in Celbridge on Monday morning. The motion for the debate was 'Can climate change be stopped'. The girls were opposing the motion. The adjudicator spent 40 minutes deliberating as it was a very close call. Our girls are now through to the quarter finals. Well done ladies.

## **8. Pictures in Corridors**

When the old building was refurbished all of the old photographs had to be taken down. These are part of the history of our school. I would really like to see these pictures put back up on our walls. If there are any Dads or Grandads who are carpenters, Garda vetted, have a bit of time to spare, and would be willing to help us restore these photographs to their rightful place on the walls of our schools, could they please contact the school. We would love to hear from you.

## **9. Christmas Markets**

The Christmas Markets will be held in the school on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. All children will be invited to dress up in their festive attire. The Senior Classes (3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>) will set up stalls in the hall. The junior classes will then have the opportunity to go shopping. The children from Junior Infants to Second Class pay a dressing up fee of €2. If they could bring in a couple of euro for their purchases it would be greatly appreciated. All money raised will be used for school funds.

## **10. Mrs. Claus**

Mrs. Claus will be visiting the school on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.30 a.m for some storytelling and songs. All classes will attend this performance. We might be lucky enough to have Mrs. Claus husband drop her for a little visit.

## **11. Christmas Cards**

Children are not allowed to give out Christmas cards during school time.

## **12. Attendance**

The Education Welfare Officer, Sandra Dowling visited the school on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. She had a meeting with Mrs. Maybury, the Deputy Principal and myself. Sandra highlighted our requirement to report any children who are absent over 20 days to her. We have a number of children very close to this limit already. Please be mindful of absences. They quickly add up without realising it.

## **13. Christmas Hampers**

Many thanks to parents, teachers and children for supporting our Christmas Hamper Appeal. We will have a number of hampers to give to St. Vincent de Paul for families in our own community. Well done to all.

## **14. Year Book Launch**

The Fundraising Committee will be launching the yearbook at the Christmas Medley of Songs on 14<sup>th</sup> December. The Yearbook is our main fundraising event for the year. A huge amount of work has gone into this project. We hope you can support it. The yearbook will be for sale on the night at €10 per book. The Parent's Association will be selling the yearbook in the front hall at both the Infant Performance at 1 p.m. and the evening show at 7.30 p.m. Afterwards it will be available for sale in some local shops around the village, e.g. Londis, Fadden's Chemist and The Parish Office etc.

### **15. Christmas Medley of Songs**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of December the children will give a short performance of Christmas Songs.

The Performance for Junior and Senior Infants will begin at 1p.m.

The 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class performance will begin at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Due to space constraints only two people will be admitted per family. Please do not bring younger siblings as we will not have the space to accommodate them. There will be no admission fee as the yearbook will be for sale that night. We will have a donation box at the front door if anyone wishes to donate.

We have no curtains, lights, sound system etc. This is another project on the 'to do' list. We would like to thank Ms. Jackie Cribbin for providing us with our sound system on the night.

### **16. Christmas Presents**

We are very aware that Christmas is an expensive time of year for everyone. As a staff we have had a discussion regarding Christmas presents. We are requesting that people do not send in any presents to the staff at Christmas. If you do send in a present it may make other children feel uncomfortable. In the past people have been very generous and we do not mean to cause offence to anyone.

### **17. School Holidays**

School will close at 12 noon on Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will re-open on Monday, January 9th, 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2017.

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**Eimear Hennessy**  
**Principal**