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**SCOIL BHRÍDE,  
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## **January Newsletter**

Welcome back to everyone. I hope 2017 is a good year for us here in Scoil Bhríde.

### **Tracksuits**

The weather is due to be very cold on Thursday and Friday of this week. The girls may wear their tracksuit to school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Enrolment**

Enrolment for Junior Infants for the 2017/18 school year will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of January.

The following items are needed at the time of enrolment:

- Child's Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and PPS Number.
- Proof of address in the form of a Current Utility Bill.

### **Uniform for Infants**

From September 2017 the uniform for Junior and Senior Infants will be their school tracksuit only. Parents are reminded that children should wear runners with Velcro in the Infant classes.

### **Christmas Markets**

The Christmas Markets were a great success and an enjoyable day was had by all. Thank you so much to the parents who obviously did super work behind the scene. A total of €2,076 was raised.

### **Debating**

The 6<sup>th</sup> class girls have qualified for the semi- final in the Debating Competition.

### **Ceremony of Light**

The Ceremony of Light for 6<sup>th</sup> class students making their Confirmation will take place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 pm.

### **Entrance Exam Scoil Mhuire**

Scoil Mhuire is holding the Entrance Assessment for incoming First Years on Wednesday next, 18<sup>th</sup> January. Testing will begin at 9.45am sharp and finish at 2.00pm.

Children will need to bring a Pencil, Eraser and Lunch with them.

Mrs. May and Mrs. McKenna will walk the girls to Scoil Mhuire for the exam at 9.20 am.

The teachers will collect the girls at 2.00pm.

For pupils not attending Scoil Mhuire next year, Scoil Bhríde is open as usual on Wednesday.

### **Infant Parent Teacher Meetings**

The Infant Parent Teacher Meetings will take place over the next few weeks in January. Your daughter's teacher will be in touch to arrange a meeting.

### **Gymnastics**

There are two weeks left in the current set of lessons. A new group will be starting then.

### **Swimming lessons**

Swimming lesson for 4<sup>th</sup> class will begin on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Peace Proms News**

Fifth Classes, Rooms 6 and 7

As you know, we are taking part in the Peace Proms shortly. We have been given our concert date and venue.

Concert Date: Sunday, 5th February, 8.00 pm

Concert Venue: RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin.

Tickets are on sale through the Peace Proms website [www.peaceproms.com](http://www.peaceproms.com)

Single tickets are €15.50 each. There is also an option to buy a family ticket for 4 people for €55.

Please ensure that you buy tickets for the **evening show**.

Pupils will attend a **workshop on Tuesday, 17th January, 2017 at 10.00 am** at the National Show Centre, Kettle Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin. The bus will cost €5 each. We will depart at around 8.45 am and return at approximately 1.00 p.m. The girls should bring the usual lunches and wear their track suits.

### **School Holidays**

Reminder of the school holidays for the rest of the school year.

Mid Term: Closed Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

St. Patrick's Day: Closed Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Easter: Closed 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April. School finishes at 12 noon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

May: Closed Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

June: Closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Summer: Closing Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.

### **Reporting of Absences**

In the event of your daughter being absent from school we request that you write a note explaining her absence and send it with her on her first day back. It is not necessary to telephone the school as we need it in writing as backup for TUSLA.

The school is obliged by law under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 to submit reports on school attendance and refer children who have been absent for more than 20 days to the Educational Welfare Services of the Child and Family Agency. Letters will be sent out to children who have been absent for more than 20 days.

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