

# December 2018 Newsletter

## Christmas Wishes:

As we come to our final week of term, we would like to wish each one of you a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is a privilege to work with young children at this time of year and hopefully we will meet many of you this week as various classes present their Christmas activities.

## Christmas Activities:

- Boys from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in 'Carols by Candlelight' on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. This was part of a community based evening of carol singing in the church where four choirs and the Kells' Silver Band took part. The boys sang beautifully guided by Mrs Mc Mahon.
- On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December the boys from Ms Briody and Mr Hannify's class set a very high standard as they narrated and sang their Christmas story for their parents.
- Also on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, the 1<sup>st</sup> class boys with their teachers Ms Shortall, Mrs Bennett and Ms Kieran sang their heart out in the Bank of Ireland. Many thanks to management for the goody bags! They also walked to the post office to post their Santa letters. On their way back they visited the church to see the crib, the Advent Wreath and the Jesse tree.
- Next up were the 6<sup>th</sup> class boys and their teachers Mr Bird and Mrs Carey in the church on the 16<sup>th</sup> December where they presented their symbol ceremony as part of the Reflection of the Mass. This moving ceremony captured the true meaning of Christmas.
- The following is the timetable for the rest of the week:  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm – Mrs Bennett's 1<sup>st</sup> class.  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December @1.30 – Ms Shortall's 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> class.  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December @7.00pm – Ms O Connell's 4<sup>th</sup> class.  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December @1.30pm – Mrs Delaney/Mrs Mc Intyre's 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

- Christmas Raffle

The Parents Association's annual raffle will take place on Thursday morning 20<sup>th</sup> December. Each year Dessie Smith from Masita presents a football to each of the classes. There is no charge to the boys for this raffle. We are truly grateful for this generosity.

- Jumper Day and Breakfast Rolls!!

Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> will be a half day for all. To mark this everyone is encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or hat. Cost is 2 euro per child payable to the class teacher. Each child will also get a breakfast roll cooked by the Parents' Association that morning...That is a lot of sausages!!

- Many thanks to those members of the Parents' Association who braved the dreadful weather conditions at the weekend for our Church gate Collection and to the community for their generosity.

### Congratulations!!

Congratulations to the football boys who retained their Division One title against Ratoath in Trim. They showed skill, agility, endurance, perseverance, character and team work. It was a great day for the school and the community. We appreciate the tremendous work done by the local clubs and parents. We especially thank Mr Bird and Mr Hannify for training the boys.

**Finally, on my behalf I would like to wish all the boys and staff a great holiday. It is an honour to work with such a dedicated team in St. Colmcille's B.N.S. Enjoy a well-earned rest. See you back safe and well on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019!**