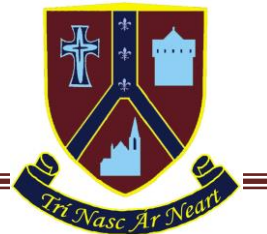


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Dear Parents/Guardians,

For the last number of years we have organised a **Christmas Toy Appeal** on behalf of **St Vincent de Paul**. This has proven to be a great success thanks to your generosity. As part of this appeal, local karate instructor and SVP volunteer Philip Smith brings a team of instructors to give demonstration classes to students in 3rd – 6th classes. This year it will take place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th of December. The instructors on these days volunteer their time at no charge to the school. In return students are asked to bring in a toy to donate (one toy per family). This does not have to be a new toy but we ask that used toys must be in perfect condition. All toys donated will go to help families in need in the local area.

CHRISTMAS SHOW: 1st, 3rd and 5th classes are presenting a **musical night on a Christmas theme on Wednesday 16th December in the PE hall at 7.30pm**. Pupils should arrive in costume between 6.45pm and 7.10pm. Please allow time for parking. There will not be sufficient parking for all on school grounds. On arrival Fifth and Third classes should go to their classrooms. First class go to Leabharlann Mhic an Ultaigh. First class will perform "Christmas with the Aliens", 3rd class will entertain us with a nativity play "Christmas Stars" while 5th class give a rendition of Christmas carols.

For health and safety reasons we can only accommodate an audience of 750. **Hence admission will be by ticket only.** We are initially offering 2 tickets to each family in the participating classes. We are charging a nominal fee of €3 per ticket to cover the expenses (hire of chairs, lights etc.). If you want tickets please send in money to class teacher by **Friday 11th**. After Friday 11th surplus tickets will be distributed to families who want extra tickets. All pupils in the school will see a performance during school time. **The show will end at 8.40pm approximately. We ask that once the show begins that all parents wait to collect children until the end of the whole show.** Please note that during show parents/guardians are permitted to take photographs or videos for private, personal use only, and that they must not be uploaded to any website to be viewed by others (e.g. Facebook) and we ask you to do this discretely so as not to interfere with others enjoyment of the show.

Junior Infants will sing a selection of Christmas songs in the PE hall on **Thursday 17th at 1pm** and **Senior Infants** will sing Christmas songs in the PE Hall on **Friday 18th at 1pm**. All parents are invited. Afterwards parents can collect pupils from the classrooms in the normal way.

NOTE: if you do not receive school texts or emails please contact the office so we can update your details.

Note that school closes on Tuesday 22nd December at 12 noon for the Christmas holidays. We re-open on Wednesday 6th January.

Folens Christmas Annuals will be available from Monday 7th December. Please fill in the form sent home and return to class teacher. The cost of the annuals are €4. Junior & Senior Infants ~ Súgradh / 1st & 2nd Class ~ Spraoi / 3rd & 4th Class ~ Siamsa / 5th & 6th Class ~ Sonas.

Thank you all in the school community, staff, parents and especially the pupils for making it such a successful year so far.

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Philip Ward