



Saint Brigid's School Newsletter December 2019

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Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday, 11th of December Carol Service at 7pm.
- Friday, 20th of December School closes at 12 noon for Christmas holidays. (non-uniform day)
- Monday, 6th of January: School re-opens at 9am.

Christmas Holidays.

Please note carefully the school closures above. The school will close on **Friday, the 20th of December** at 12 noon for the Christmas holidays. The school re-opens on **Monday, the 6th January**.

Carol Service/Christmas Fair

The children are currently working very hard on their performance for the Christmas Carol service that will take place on Wednesday, the 11th of December at 7pm. For further information on arrangements see attached letter.

Injections

Junior Infants will be getting their injections on Tuesday, the 14th of January 2020. Please ensure you are contactable on the day.

Ken Smollen Food Appeal

Sixth class, in preparation for their Confirmation, are organising a food appeal for the homeless. They would be very grateful for all donations of non-perishable foods on or before Friday, 13th of December.

Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to say a special thank you to all those who donated to the Team Hope Shoebox appeal. We are delighted to announce that this year we collected 103 boxes. Thank you all for your generosity.

Thank you to Bernie who organised our school collection and Rachel Considine and the children of Scallywags Playschool for also donating shoe boxes.

Credit Union

Please note that the Credit Union will continue collecting Money every Monday.

Tag Rugby

We would like to congratulate the children in 2nd and 3rd class who took part in a tag rugby blitz in Edenderry Rugby Club on Tuesday the 3rd of December.

Parent as Partners

As Parent Teacher Meetings have taken place recently, it is an important time to reflect on how valuable teachers and parents working together is and on the proven positive effect it has on your child's learning. The Board of Management and staff of St. Brigid's genuinely value the wonderful relationship we share with the parents/guardians of the children in our school. We strive to ensure that the core values of respect, empathy and trust underpinning the relationship are maintained and nurtured. The Board of Management and staff fully endorse the following statement in the 1999 Primary School Curriculum: "Parents are the child's primary educators, and the life of the home is the most potent factor in his or her development during the primary school years...Regular consultation with parents helps class teachers to come to a deeper appreciation of children's needs and so to plan more effective learning experiences. It also provides the means by which teachers keep parents fully informed about children's progress. Good respectful communication between parents and schools will help build a shared understanding of the principles of the curriculum, the learning goals of the school, and the approaches and methodologies it adopts"

Please note the surface beside the school shed is very slippery on frosty mornings. We advise all children to stay off the surface on frosty mornings before school. The teachers will ensure children stay off the surface during break times on such days.

Early Collections

The school day runs from 9.00am to 2.40pm (1.40pm for Infants). If you wish to collect your child outside of these times, you must communicate this in writing in advance. In order for smooth running of the school day we remind parents that early collections are only for essential matters such as urgent family reasons and specific medical issues.

School Office Hours

Please remember to check that all children have the required items for each school day to avoid any unnecessary interruptions to teaching and learning outside of school office hours.

Please note school office hours are 9:00am - 12:00pm Monday and Tuesday. If you wish to make an appointment contact the school secretary during the above times.

Speaking to class teacher.

We would like to remind all parents that teachers begin their classroom teaching at 9am. Please remember that class teachers are very busy and their primary concern is teaching during class time. Please be conscious that you are not delaying a teacher getting to their classroom in the morning. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher you can make an appointment or write a note. Please encourage your child to line up independently in the morning and walk into school with their class. We cannot accommodate parents in the building at this time. Your co-operation in this matter is beneficial for all children.

Enrolment for September 2020

We are currently enrolling for September 2020. Closing date is Friday the 6th of December. Forms are available from the school office.

Non-Uniform Day

The Parents Association are holding a non-uniform day on Friday the 20th of December to help raise money for the school. Each child will bring in €2 euro, which includes entry into the school raffle. Christmas jumpers and hats are optional but not essential.

Santa Dash Run

Both our Active Schools Committee and our Green Schools Committee are organising a Santa Dash Run on Friday 20th December. All children can wear their Christmas jumper and a Santa hat (non-uniform day). We hope to run a mile with a festive smile. You never know who might join in on the day!!

Follow Us!

Please check our school website for a link to our new Twitter account. Follow us on St. Brigid's NS Ticknevin (@brigid_ns) to keep up-to-date with all school activities. Watch out for all the activities your children will be involved in during the year.

Christmas Wishes.

The entire staff would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and as always, thank you for your support throughout the year. We will be looking forward to welcoming you back and working with you in 2020.

Board of Management 2019-2023

The new Board of Management has been ratified by the patron and the Minister for Education and will be responsible for the management of the school from 2019-2023. The members of the Board are;

Patron Nominees: Rev. Fr. John Fitzpatrick and Des Hackett (Chairperson).

Parent Nominees: Patsy Gorman and Michelle Brennan.

Staff Nominees: Nóra Lynch (Secretary) and Peter Mc Greal.

Community Nominees: Jim Connolly and Bláithín Cox.

I would like to welcome the new members to the board and look forward to working alongside them to continue to develop and promote the school. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the outgoing members for all their hard work and dedication to the school during their time as board members.

Le gach dea-ghuí.

N. Lynch

A stylized graphic with the words "MERRY" and "CHRISTMAS" in a decorative, outlined font. "MERRY" is in a blocky, slightly irregular font, while "CHRISTMAS" is in a more elegant, cursive-style font with a large, decorative initial 'C'.

