





<u>"SCÉALTA"</u>

(Dec '23)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the December newsletter. As we are fast approaching the holiday season, please see below some important information.

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

We will hold our annual Christmas Jumper Day (participation optional) on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.** Small donations are welcome, and all proceeds will go to charity.

## **Christmas Holidays**

The school will close for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December at 12.00 noon**. The school transport has been arranged accordingly. The school will re-open on **Monday 8th January 2024.** 

# **Christmas Annuals**

An information letter has been sent home with the eldest child. The deadline for purchasing the Educational Christmas Annual is **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.** 

# Christmas Trip to Leisureland - Junior & Senior Infants

The Junior and Senior Infant pupils have the wonderful opportunity to visit Leisureland to meet Santa and enjoy the various rides within the centre. This takes place on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023** during school hours. The deadline for receipt of consent and money is **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

# Jack and the Beanstalk Panto - 5th & 6th Class.

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils have the wonderful opportunity to see Jack and the Beanstalk Panto in the Millennium Forum on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. This will take place during school hours. The deadline for receipt of consent and money is **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

# 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class Christmas Trip

In conjunction with the Parents' Association, these classes with enjoy a Christmas extravaganza in St. Eugene's Hall on **Thursday 21**<sup>st</sup> **December 2023**. If you do not wish your child to participate in this trip, please contact the school.

#### **Christmas Concert**

You are invited to come along to our Christmas Concert. The concert will be held in the school hall on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 pm** with a second performance on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am**. Parents are welcome to attend either performance. We hope to see you all there.

# Junior Infants & 6th Class School Photos

The school photo proof cards have been sent home. If you wish to purchases your child's photos, please complete and return your photo proof order with the correct money to the school office on or before **Wednesday** 6<sup>th</sup> **December 2023.** 

#### **Foyle Credit Union Quiz**

Congratulations to the boys and girls who made it through to represent the school. This event will take place in January.

## Say Yes To Languages.

The boys & girls of 4th, 5th and 6th class will be availing of French classes after Christmas. Joyeux Noel

## **Board of Management Formation**

Thank you to all who put their name forward for Parent Nominee. Congratulations to Sheena Marie Quigg and Colm Harkin who will serve on the board until 2027.

#### Library

We are extremely happy to announce our school library has reopened. We welcome Kendal Doherty, our new librarian. The children are borrowing and returning books on a weekly basis.

## **Football**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys have been putting in some stellar performances on the pitch against other schools from Inishowen. Well done lads.

## **Hot Lunches**

If your child would like to change their food choice, please do so via the App. If your child no longer wishes to avail of the hot lunch, please cancel via the App by unticking the agreement box and click save/update for each day you wish to cancel.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Readathon

Well done to Mrs. Gibson and all the boys and girls in 2<sup>nd</sup> class who participated in the M.S. Readathon. Lots of books were read and a massive €803.00 raised for charity. Thank you to all who sponsored this fantastic and successful event.

# **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

We wish to thank all those who contributed to our Christmas Shoe Box appeal. Due to your generosity, we received 57 shoe boxes making it a great success.

## Cycling

The 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils finished their Cycling sessions yesterday by learning all about how to cycle safely. Well done to all who completed the course.

# **Swimming Lessons**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class pupils have completed their 10-week swimming lessons in Foyle Arena, Derry. The progress was very impressive. Well done!

# **Team Building & Exercise Workshops**

Junior, Senior, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class are participating in teambuilding sessions through exercise. They are receiving instruction from John Gibbons.

#### **HSCL**

If anyone has any Christmas jumpers or uniforms, they no long need, we will gratefully accept any donations. Please save the HSCL phone number to your contacts (086-4103218) to ensure that any Broadcast (group) messages sent by myself will deliver to you.

Please also keep an eye on Aladdin for coming courses / events. Thank you for all your support.

# Pupil Absences

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please inform the school with a written explanation following their absence. This is to assist us fulfil our legal requirements surrounding attendance monitoring.

# **Attendance**

Attendance for September 93.6 %, October 93.2, November 93.9%. Remember every day counts! Well done to all those with good attendance and punctuality.

#### Communication

If you are contacting the school for any reason, please do so via Aladdin or email scoileoghain@gmail.com.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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Liam McDermott (Principal)







