

# Newsletter December 2022



The count down is on! We will be lighting the third candle on the Advent wreath in assembly on Thursday. The children are busy writing their Santa letters and learning their lines for the nativity play. They are bursting with excitement for the Christmas festivities. Our pupils are busy writing their wishes for our Christmas Tree and big preparations are in progress for our Bake Sale on Friday.



*As we approach Christmas time, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful, blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!*

*Best wishes,  
Jill*

## **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone for purchasing books at our School Book Fair. We have been awarded €879 to spend on school books. Our school benefits enormously from everyone's contribution. Thank you!

## **Hockey**

Thank you to the children and parents who attended the matches this term. Thank you also to Emer Helen and Helen Kenny volunteering their time.

The last hockey training of the term was today. Hockey will resume on Mondays from 2:30p.m. – 3:30p.m in the New Year.

Please remember shin guards and gum shields. We cannot let children play without them!

## **Trip to Charlesfort**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Class will be going to Charlesfort for a Christmas Workshop on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Garda Dave will take them on the Garda Bus.

## **Punctuality**

Punctuality is essential for all pupils in order to maintain an efficient school routine. Children are expected to arrive at school at 8:50am. Due to child safety and protection, we need to lock the gates

at 9:00am. Pupils who have not come to school before 10:10 a.m. each day, will be marked absent on the roll.

### **Homework Diary**

Please ensure that you check and sign your child's homework diary daily.

### **Pencil cases**

Please ensure that your child's pencil case is well-equipped for each school day.

### **Christmas Appeal**

On Friday, we encourage children to wear their Christmas jumpers and bring in €2 for The Simon Community.

### **School Uniform**

Please label all items of clothing with indelible ink. We will be donating all unclaimed, unlabelled clothing next week.

### **Christmas Carol Service**



We are really looking forward to our Carol Service on  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**at 7pm at St. Multose Church.**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we will be walking down to the church for our rehearsal. Please ensure that your child has suitable footwear and a warm coat. We will walk back to the school and be back on time for the infant collection time at 1:30pm. After School will run as normal.

### **Children's Annual Christmas Pizza Party**

The P.A. will be providing their "Pitta-Pizza" lunch for all the children on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December before the school closes for the Christmas holidays at 12 p.m. Please send in €2 per child in an envelope with the child/children's name/s clearly marked by December 16<sup>th</sup> at the latest. **Please indicate, on the envelope, whether your child has any dietary issues to cater for.**

We are also looking for volunteers to help out with the lunch on the day, it's a fun morning and guaranteed to get you in the Christmas Spirit! If you can help, then let school know.

### **New Committee Members – We need you!**

We need at least two more parents to join us on the P.A Committee this year. Ms Horan has some very exciting plans for further enhancements to the school that include new signage, and an upgrade to the playground. There are number of events planned in 2020 to help our school reach these goals. We want to do all we can to help raise the school's profile and encourage new enrolments. If you think you could spare a couple of hours a month to help us, please contact the office.

Ann Harte, P.A. Chairperson.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Ms Horan's Class Christmas Workshop in Charlesfort.
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service Practice in St. Multose Church.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day for food collection for St. Vincent de Paul.

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- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Service in St. Multose Church at 7pm.
  - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Pizza Party and Christmas Holidays commence.
  - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Term two commences – Epiphany.
  - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Hockey Match.
  - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Hockey Match.