

# *St. Multose National School*

## *Newsletter December 2019*



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. Last week, our whole-school focus was on spreading 'Kindness'. This week, our theme is 'Honesty'. We are currently reviewing our school rules and all children will be asked for their input. Our elf 'Kris' has arrived in the junior classroom and all sorts of mischief is happening!



*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*

### **New Board of Management**

The following are our new Board of Management members:

Daniel Emerson: Chairperson

Reverend Peter Rutherford: Patron's Representative

Jill Horan: Principal/Secretary

Nicola Curtin: Teacher Nominee

Olga Lavelle: Female Parent Nominee

Michael O'Sullivan: Male Parent Nominee

Jennifer McElroy: Community Nominee

David Peare: Community Nominee

We thank them for their willingness to serve in the role and wish them well over the years ahead.

### **Table Tennis**

32 teams consisting of 140 players competed in the Schools League for Primary and Secondary schools over several divisions. Going with the intention of just having fun, St. Multose entered their first ever team. The school was surprised and delighted when the team came back with gold medals after they became Primary School Champions in the top division! What an achievement! All four team players train with South Coast Table Tennis Club trained by Alan Hurley.



### **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!

### **RNLI Visit**

The RNLI came into visit us on Friday. They talked to the children about water safety and taught them how to float in open water. The next time you are at the pool or swimming in the sea, encourage your child to show you! Thank you to Michael O'Sullivan and Gerard O'Flynn for taking the time to come in and talk to the children.



### **Hockey**

Thank you to the children and parents who attended the two matches this term. Thank you also to Trenton Spencer and Joshua Giles for volunteering their time. It is great to have such enthusiastic and willing helpers. The next hockey matches are scheduled for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January and for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Hockey coach, Emma Kearney will be starting hockey on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is €10 for the three weeks until midterm break. Hockey will be on Mondays from 2:30p.m. – 3:30p.m. We will be emailing parents shortly to confirm places.

### **Trip to Charlesfort**

The infant classes and 1<sup>st</sup> class will be going to Charlesfort for a Christmas Workshop on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The bus will be funded by the Parents' Association monies. Thank you!

### **Twitter**

Thank you for sending in the permission slips. We are still waiting on a few more to be returned.

### **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 front door at 9:00am. Pupils who have not come to school before 9.30 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**

Next week, we encourage children to wear their Christmas jumpers and bring in some canned goods, biscuits and other non-perishable items for St. Vincent de Paul's annual Christmas Food Appeal. The food will be collected on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **School Uniform**

Please label all items of clothing with inedible ink. We will be donating all unclaimed, unlabelled clothing next week. We also have some second-hand school jumpers. If you are interested in these, please ask Sue in the office.

## Christmas Carol Service



We are really looking forward to our  
Carol Service on  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**at 7pm at St. Multose Church.**

On Tuesday 17<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. On Tuesday, Infant pupils will need to be collected from the church at 1:30pm. The rest of the school will walk back to the school and be collected at the regular time.

### P.A. News

The Class Reps for this year are:  
Junior Infants: Mark Collins  
Senior Infants: Felicity Farrell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Ann Harte  
3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Sharon Gash  
4<sup>th</sup> Class: Mala Nugent  
5<sup>th</sup> Class: Linda Gash  
6<sup>th</sup> Class: Sharon Gash

Those of you who signed contact permission slips will receive Whatsapp updates of P.A. news from your class rep. If you have not signed up to receive updates, and you would like to, please let Sue in the office know.

### Children's Annual Christmas Pizza Party

The P.A. will be providing their "Pitta-Pizza" lunch for all the children on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, before the school closes for the Christmas holidays at

12.30 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.
- 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.