

SAINT COLUMBAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Newsletter 2021

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Diary Dates:

Friday 17th December: Ditch the Dark Day- Children come to school dressed in bright clothes.

Wednesday 22nd December: School closes for Christmas holidays -11.15am

Christmas Holidays:

The school will close on Wednesday the 22nd December at 11.15am. Buses will only run to school that day.

The school will re-open for pupils on Thursday the 6th January 2022.

Christmas Draw:

We have decided not to hold our annual Christmas Draw this year due to the current situation.

The Draw income each year allowed us to invest in additional resources for the school.

In 2021 we were once again unable to hold our annual golf classic.

We would therefore appreciate if families considered making a voluntary donation to the school at this time in lieu of the traditional ticket sales that would have been taking place.

This will greatly help us in the coming year.

Christmas Celebrations:

We have tried to mark the Christmas season as normal a way as possible within the current guidelines.

Unfortunately, we were unable to invite parents into either of our Christmas productions.

Both productions will however be available to view online through our school website early next week.

We encourage you all to take time out and enjoy the brilliant performances from your children.

We know you will understand and appreciate that the school owns the copyright of the footage we captured and therefore no content may be shared on any social media platform.

We thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

We thank Teresa and all the kitchen staff for ensuring that Christmas dinner went ahead. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Bóthar

Gifts of Change:

We sincerely thank parents and children for their Christmas time gifts. Once again the teachers of the school, have agreed that any parent/family wishing to purchase a gift for teachers at Christmas time this year - should instead send a donation to the school in lieu. This money will then be used to buy a Gift of Change through Bóthar.

Journey to

Santa Challenge:

This is part of the Sustrans Active School Travel Programme. It runs from the Monday 6th to Friday 17th December.

Safe Guarding

Team:

The Safeguarding Team is available for the protection and safety of children within the St Columban's school community. The team is available to parents, staff and children.

The Safeguarding Team members are:

- Mrs Martina Meehan
(Designated Teacher)
- Mrs Anne Murray
(Deputy Designated Teacher)
- Mr Gerry McAloon
(Chair, Board of Governors)
- Mrs Clara Martin
(Board of Governors)
- Mr Liam Magee
(Principal)

Starting School:

If your child is starting school in September 2022, you can apply for their place online from Monday 10th January. The closing date for applications is Friday 28th January 2022.

We thank all who have helped and supported us during another difficult and challenging year. The support and cooperation of all in our school community has helped to make our task easier and was much appreciated by all of us.

We wish all Children, Parents, Staff and Governors a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Nollaig Shona daoibh

