
December 2017

St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

We have had an extremely busy half term since Halloween and Christmas is almost upon us already. Unfortunately we had to close yesterday for the safety of the pupils and staff so we will have even more to catch up on for these last two weeks!

Thank you for your attendance the parent teacher meetings, our pupils are very lucky to have such constructive cooperation between home and school.

Yours sincerely,

Éilís Treacy

School Principal

Eyrecourt Pupils Donate to Charity

Our pupils and their families really excelled this year with their support of the Christmas Shoebox appeal. The children took great pride in their contribution and the path of their shoeboxes can be followed on www.teamhope.ie

5th and 6th class are supporting the Eglington St Homeless Shelter, Galway this year and are helping Ms Treacy put an outfit together for an 11 year old girl and boy.

There will be a box at the front door for donations to the Ballinasloe Lions Club. They provide support for families in Ballinasloe and local villages (Eyrecourt included). Any non-perishable items will be greatly received.

We are also taking part in the Christmas Jumper day on Friday 15th December for the Simon Community. €2 per child recommended or whatever you would like to donate.



Upcoming Events

December 14

Christmas Carol Service

December 15

Christmas Jumper Day

December 22

Christmas Holidays

January 8

School Reopens

Money collections:

Music

Thank you for payment of this terms music Sept-Dec €20

Secretary Hours

Mon-Thurs
9am-11am

Swimming

Will start on Monday 22nd January for 1st-6th class for a period of 6 weeks. Practice changing clothes and maybe go swimming over Christmas in preparation!

Cash for Clobber

€160 raised

Christmas Carol Service

This year's Carol Service will tell the story of Whoops a Daisy Angel, a hapless angel who ends up having a vital part to play in the nativity story.

We have been practicing for weeks under the guidance of our music teacher Ms Yvonne Barrett. Costume tailoring and fitting is almost complete. 6th class have taken control of the wardrobe department under the stewardship of Jane Duffy. Whoops a Daisy angel and the pupils of Ms Kearns' classroom will be in costume. All the rest of the school will be in uniform.

- The Carol Service starts at 7pm and we ask parents to have their child in the church by 6:50pm
- The children know where to sit. Take their coats, gloves and scarves for them.
- The Carol Service will be videoed and a copy of it will be available to purchase for €5 on Monday 18th December.
- We will have a full dress rehearsal tomorrow Wednesday 13th.
- The children have practiced and prepared for the night and we ask that the audience stay in their seats, and be aware of other audience members and not obstruct their view. We also ask that there would be no flash photography and if possible sit back, relax and enjoy!

Safety Before and After School

With the darker mornings and evenings, please note:

- School doors open at 9:20am. Your child is under their parents care until then.
- If cycling to school, helmet and reflective gear is mandatory.
- If your child is walking to school, reflective gear is mandatory. If they are not with an adult make sure they know and respect the rules of the road and the safe cross code.
- Parents need to be very vigilant for children when driving around the school. The school rule is that children wait inside the gate until they see their car and then walk to their car. Parents need to remind their children to walk to the car and take care crossing the road. Parents need to meet younger children at the gate.
- The front of the school must be kept clear at all times for bus and disabled access.

Internet Safety

As we head towards holiday time with extended time inside, children are inevitably spending more time on tablets, phones and computers.

www.webwise.ie is an excellent resource for parents. We use the school section in school as part of our SPHE. Unfortunately children's online activities are affecting their everyday social interactions. This is not confined to the senior classroom.

This website has a very user friendly parents section with advice and helpful tips on how to regulate internet use, control access and explain the new apps and social media fads as they become live.

