
December 2018

St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Carol service tomorrow night. Read on further for details.

Thanks to all who donated to our Cash for Clobber. 1450kg was collected, 205 bags in total. This money will replenish our PE equipment and other teaching resources greatly.

We had over 50 Christmas Shoeboxes and raised €100 for Trick or Treat for Temple Street.

Yours sincerely,

Eilis 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 Eglinton St Homeless Shelter, Galway this year and are helping Ms Treacy put an outfit together for a 12 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 14th December for Pieta House. €2 per child recommended or whatever you would like to donate.



Upcoming Events

December 6

Christmas Carol Service

December 12

Attending Banagher Panto

December 14

Christmas Jumper Day

December 21

Christmas Holidays

January 7

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 Mondays in January for a period of 6 weeks. Practice changing clothes and maybe go swimming over Christmas in preparation!

Christmas Carol Service

This year we have a traditional Carol service to mark the beginning of Christmas. You may have noted the early date; we didn't want to miss the Banagher College Panto this year so we decided to schedule our Carol service the week before.

We have been practicing for weeks under the guidance of our music teacher Ms Yvonne Barrett. Costume tailoring and fitting is almost complete. 5th class have taken control of the wardrobe department and 6th class have been assisting with the music and lighting. The pupils of Ms Kearns' classroom will be in costume. All the rest of the school will be in uniform. 2nd to 6th class can wear plain Santa hats.

- 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 17th December. If any parent prefers their child not to be videoed please inform the school asap.
- We had full dress rehearsal today (Wednesday) and will just do a run through tomorrow (Thursday) so there is no need for the infants and 1st to send their costumes to school on Thursday.
- 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 are requesting the audience to sit in the main aisle of the church. We also ask that there would be no flash photography and if possible sit back, relax and enjoy!

Banagher Panto

This year Banagher College present the pantomime Little Red Riding Hood. All primary schools are invited to a matinee of the performance on the Wednesday so we made sure this year that our Carol Service didn't clash. We will be taking all classes by bus to the panto and ask that parents send in €3 to help cover the cost of the bus.

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.

