

10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

Dear Parents,

As the Christmas Season approaches I would like to thank the whole school community for your commitment and co-operation in the school during the term.

Our boys have the privilege again this Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> to sing with the Lorraine O’Riordan Gospel Choir. It is always a fabulous atmospheric event. Everybody is welcome. If your child is coming along you may drop him at the Credit Union building at 11a.m. and may be collected from there at 12.30p.m. The children can wear Christmas gear if they have it. We hope as many as possible can attend. We thank the choir members for giving up their time and supporting our school.

The Parent’s Association are going to have a quick meeting this Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m. to discuss the plans for Saturday. We hope as many as possible can attend. If you cannot attend this meeting and are available to help on the day you can contact the school. Thank you for your support.

We invite you and your extended family to come along to our School Mass on Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1.30p.m. Our 1<sup>st</sup> class will act out the Nativity play during this Mass. The children may be collected from the school immediately afterwards.

Pupils from our school will take part in their Annual Carol Singing on Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.15p.m. outside the Credit Union (weather permitting). Donations received will be sent to R.N.L.I. Our pupils had a lovely trip to Crosshaven R.N.L.I. last year and were very impressed with the service provided. It is a very worthy charity as you know and have touched the lives of many people. Your support will be greatly appreciated and you are most welcome to come and join in the fun.

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1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be starting swimming on Friday January 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost is €20 per child. You may start bringing this money in to the class teacher now or after Christmas.

After Christmas all the children will be starting Tag Rugby with Olan Daly for six weeks. There is no charge for this activity.

Thanks to Barry for taking the boys for I.T. for the past 6 weeks. The boys learned a lot and really enjoyed the sessions with him.

2<sup>nd</sup> class children have their next 'Do this In Memory Mass' this Sunday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our Green School Committee would like to thank and congratulate all the children who have made a Christmas Decoration from recyclable material. We encourage those who have not made a decoration yet to do so. Friday is the closing date for entries.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> class boys are very busy with their J.E.P. Project. They hope to make headbands, bath salts and novelty money boxes. They are encouraging pupils to bring in containers with detachable lids e.g. gravy, drinking chocolate or pringle cartons! They will be making fabulous creations from them!

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class boys will be going to the Pantomime – Aladdin this Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost is €20. If you have not paid this money could you do so to class teacher. If your child is not going, would you tell class teacher please. Thank you. The bus will be leaving at 9.30 and will be home before school finishes. Your child may bring his lunch as normal and a treat for the show. We hope the children have a great day out.

We will be having a Christmas Raffle in the school on the day of the holidays. We have lots of prizes to win – including footballs, selections boxes and Christmas treats. The cost is €1 per strip and €2 for 3 strips. Tickets on sale in the school. Remember if you are not in you can't win!

We remind you of Dr Maureen Griffin, Forensic Psychologist is giving a seminar for parents on Social Media Challenges in the James O'Keeffe Institute on Wed. Dec.12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30. She is a fantastic speaker and it would be well worth your while attending if you can. Admission is free.

I remind you to log on to our school website to keep up to date on school events. The address is [www.kanturkbns.com](http://www.kanturkbns.com)

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I conclude by reminding you that the school will be closing on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 12.30p.m and will be re-opening on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a bright prosperous New Year.

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