

9th December, 2019

Dear Parents,

- Just to keep you up to date on events taking place in the school.
- 2nd class have their next 'Do This In Memory Mass' next Sunday Dec 15th. We wish them well in their preparation for their First Holy Communion.
- Due to family circumstances Barry is unable to complete the 3 remaining classes of I.T. before Christmas. He hopes to do so in the New Year. If you have been paying weekly you may discontinue to do so for the moment.
- Congratulations to Leon Browne in 3rd class who won 4 trophies and 4 medals at an Irish Dancing Competiton in Cashel, Co. Tipperary yesterday.
- The Green Schools would like to remind you of the competition to design a Christmas Tree decoration from recycled material. The closing date for this competition is Friday Dec. 13th. We also did an audit of the feasibility of children cycling to school. This consisted of a survey and a walking tour of the town with Ellen O'Sullivan, our Travel Co-ordinator. She is in the process of compiling the report of our audit. She is coming to talk to the children on December 18th to complete a workshop with the children including the results from the recent Eircode Survey.
- The Parents Association are hosting their Annual Carol Singing fundraiser outside the Credit Union Building this Saturday, Dec. 14th from 11 – 12.30. We hope as many children as possible can come along and join in the festive spirit. Could you complete the enclosed permission form stating if your child can attend or not on Saturday. We would also appreciate if some adults could come and help out on the day. If you are free to attend you may contact the school or one of our Parents Association members.
- We are also holding a Christmas Raffle. We have lots of lovely prizes in store.. including sports vouchers, book vouchers and Christmas selection boxes. The tickets are on sale from tomorrow Tues. Dec. 10th in school. They cost €1 per ticket or €2 for 3 tickets. The draw will take place on Dec. 20th. If you're not in you can't win!
- Our Annual School Mass is taking place on Monday Dec. 16th at 1.30p.m. We invite you and your extended family to attend. We hope as many as possible can make it.
- We hope 1st and 2nd class children enjoy their trip to the Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk, this Thurs. Dec. 12th. The cost is €20 per child. You may pay this to your class teacher.
- We are very grateful to the Secondary School for the use of their gym. This year our longest period of time is a two hour slot. During our first term we tried to facilitate 4 groups (5 classrooms) with a slot of gymnastics. In practice we found the length of the session too short. Thus moving forward after

Christmas in order to ensure that the children receive a longer session of activities we will have 3 groups doing Basketball and Tag Rugby. We have decided that Miss Hickey's 3rd and 4th, Mrs O'Connor's 3rd and Mrs Boyce's 5th class will be doing Basketball after Christmas. While Ms. O'Sullivan's 6th, Mrs O'Connor's 3rd and Mrs Linehan's 1st & 2nd will be doing Tag Rugby. More details nearer the time.

- 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th classes will have their swimming classes after Christmas.
- Marion Heffernan from Newmarket Medical Centre has written two fabulous Christmas Books for children. They are beautifully illustrated by Amy Begley. We received a copy of both books for the school last week. If interested in buying them they can be purchased from the Medical Centre in Newmarket (029-60636). To purchase is optional.
- We still have a few old desks left if there is anybody interested in taking one. They will not be available after Christmas.
- 4th – 6th Class boys hope to go Carol Singing on Tuesday Dec. 17th outside the Credit Union Building. If you are in town come and join us for a carol or two! This year the proceeds are going to Air Ambulance. As you know this is a very worthy cause. If you feel like sending in a donation to the school we will gladly accept it. We also have Air Ambulance wristbands for sale in the school for €1. To purchase is optional. We thank you for your support.
- The 6th class children hope to visit the hospital on Thursday Dec. 19th to spread the Christmas cheer among the patients.
- We will be closing for school holidays on Friday Dec. 20th at 12.20 and reopening again on Monday Jan 6th.
- If you wish to meet a teacher at anytime please ring for appointment.
- I remind you to log on to the school website www.kanturkbns.com to see what is happening in the school.
- Don't forget you can follow us on [twitter @colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)
- Please complete the enclosed form and return to the school as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Le gach dea ghúí,

Eilish Finnegan,
Principal.

My child _____ is available to attend the Carol Singing next Saturday from 11a.m. to 12.30

Yes No

Signed: _____

Date: _____

