

# December Newsletter

# 2017

## Important Dates For Your Diary:

- ⇒ Wed. 20th Dec. - Christmas Concert @ 1.00pm
- ⇒ Thurs. 21st Dec. - Christmas Concert @ 6.30pm
- ⇒ Fri. 22nd Dec. - School Closes @ 12.00 noon  
(With hopefully a Surprise Visitor around 11.00am!)
- ⇒ Mon. 8th Jan. - School re-opens



## Christmas Concert:

It's hard to believe it's that time of year again - however we are really looking forward to our Christmas plays and there are just a couple of things I would like to bring to your attention:

- ◆ The concert will be recorded by Paul Leonard and the usual price of €15 per copy will apply. Please ensure that you have booked and paid for your copy BEFORE Tues. 20th Dec.
- ◆ As per usual in the interest of health and safety all classes will remain in their classroom until their turn to perform and return back to their classrooms immediately after their performance. If you wish to take your child after their performance you must come over to their classroom and notify the teacher directly that you are taking your child from their supervision. No child will be permitted to cross the road to the hall unless an adult comes to collect them. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter
- ◆ A huge thank you to the ladies who decorated the hall so well in preparation of our Christmas Concerts - the decorations always add a wonderful sparkle to the event.
- ◆ Also, don't forget, thanks to the Trojan support of the parents and the wonderful donations made by so many of you there will be a raffle after each concert with fantastic prizes to be won.

## Monster Christmas Raffle:

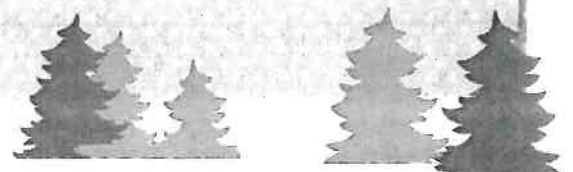
The ticket sales for the Monster Christmas Raffle are going well but given the unbelievable standard and value of the prizes it would be wonderful to see an extra effort and push over the coming days to get as many cards sold as possible so don't forget there are still plenty of cards in the office should anyone need an extra one or two. Again, the generosity and support from all parents and local businesses is over-whelming and I genuinely can't thank you enough. This draw will now take place on Thurs. 21st Dec. immediately before the evening performance of our Christmas Concert. This will allow us a bit of time to get the hampers delivered to the lucky winners before we close on the Friday.

## Goal Mile

Please don't forget about our GOAL Mile Walk tomorrow around our Community Field @ 2.00pm. All support would be gratefully appreciated.

## Christmas Market

A massive thank you to all the parents and families who supported our recent Christmas Market. It was a huge success and well done to the pupils of 5th & 6th, who did a massive amount of organising for the event.



## **Go Raibh Mile Maith Agat**

This is a general thank you to all the parents and families who do so much each year to help out. Parents, both past and present, go way above and beyond with their kindness, generosity and support. There is no way that the school could be as positive and welcoming environment that it is without you all and I sincerely thank you on behalf of myself, the staff and the Board Of Management. You volunteer to drive pupils to matches, serve teas and generally volunteer your time to support the school. It is always something that we can count on here in Coolfancy but in no way is this support assumed or taken for granted, I can assure you.

A big thank you to all of the children who were present and so well behaved at the annual lighting of the Big Tree in Coolboy on Sunday last and to Des Willoughby who gave up his time to practice with the children. This is a wonderful tradition that the school participate in and one we are proud of.

Also, a big thank you to Pat Doyle, Forest Lodge Nurseries for our beautiful fresh Christmas Tree in our School front hall.

## **Split The Pot**

Our Monster 'Split The Pot' draw will take place on Thursday, 21st December. Don't forget we will be giving back all the money in at least 3 separate prizes so make sure and get your envelopes in - this is going to be a big one - and if you're not in you can't win!

## **Midnight Mass**

All the pupils have been invited to sing in the Choir at Midnight Mass in Coolfancy on Sun. 24th December @ 9.00pm Kathleen Broggy will be in school this week practising with the children in preparation and we sincerely hope that as many of the children will attend as possible.

## **Christmas Get Well Wishes**

As you are all aware Mrs. O'Donnell is still not back to us. We continue to really miss her at school, especially at this time of year as we prepare for Advent. We wish Mrs. O'Donnell and her family a very peaceful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

***We Wish all in the School Community a happy and peaceful Christmas***

