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Newsletter December 2015. It is hard to believe that the month of December is upon us already. It will be a very busy month in the school with lots of innovative and creative things happening. By the weekend we will have our crib in the porch and our Christmas in the entrance hall.

To celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception 2nd to 6th class will attend the 1pm mass on 8th December with the pupils from St. Josephs, Scoil Íde and Scoil Aine



On Thursday 17th December the junior infant classes will perform a Christmas play for their parents in the hall at 1.10 pm. The tickets for this will cost €3 and will be available from Friday 11th December. We would ask parents to be seated in the hall by 1.00pm. I thank you for your co-operation in this.



On Monday 21st December we will have a whole school Carol Service in which all classes will sing Carols and join in the story of Christmas. All classes will be busy learning carols over the next few weeks.

On Tuesday 22nd December we will have **Santa** visit all the pupils in the hall and pupils can wear a **red** or **green** tee shirt or sweat shirt with their tracksuit bottoms. Pupils

can also wear **Santa hats**. We will also have a raffle organised by the Parents Association. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale each morning in the school from Monday 14th December.



We are collecting non-perishable goods to make hampers for St. Vincent de Paul. This is something we do in Scoil Mhuire each Christmas to help those in need in our community. We always have a very generous response to this appeal. From Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December pupils can bring in items for the hampers and they will be collected from the classrooms each morning. We thank you for your generosity in this venture as it how the pupils to learn the real meaning of Christmas.



Christmas cards created by your child will be in the school in the next week. The cards look fantastic and it is a wonderful way of valuing your child's creative talent.

The calendars with a picture of your child's class will also be available next week. Thursday of this week is the final day for ordering calendars.

Order forms for the **Christmas annuals** will go home this week.



Can I ask parents again this year not to give Christmas presents to teachers and staff but instead you might like to make an anonymous contribution to the school which will go to buy much needed resources for your children to use in school. A box for donations will be left in the entrance hall of the school from Monday 21st December. I thank you for your co-operation in this.



As we continue to track attendance it has come to my attention that a number of pupils are arriving late for school on a continual basis and a number of pupils are being collected early from school. We have to value the integrity of the school day and pupils should be in school for the full day unless they are ill. I welcome your support in this as we begin the new school year in January 2016



We are delighted to have the Magic of Music back in the school again this year. The Magic of Music is an innovative and energetic approach to music in the primary school classroom. It's packed with exciting, fun, practical exercises which allow children to really enjoy and value all types of music and to encourage their creativity and performance skills.

Some dates for your diary in the New Year;

First Confession on Tuesday 19th April in the church at 1.30pm. First Communion on Saturday 7th at 11am.

Ceremony of Light for 6th class on Tuesday 12th April at 1.30 in the church. Confirmation on Wednesday 25th May at 11am in the church.

School will close on Tuesday 22nd December at 12oclock for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Wednesday 6th January 2016. As the 6th of January is a holy day pupils from second class to sixth class will attend Mass on the day.

Beannachtaí na Nollag agus Athbhliain faoi shéan 's faoi shonas

Ms Burke-Heneghan and the staff of Scoil Mhuire