

# Reminders

## Supervision

The school day starts at 9:00 am and finishes at 1:40pm for Infants and 2:40pm for all others. Therefore children who are on the school grounds before or after these times will not be supervised. Please make any necessary arrangements which may be needed in this regard.

## Car Park

School Car Park is for staff only. When parking please do not park at school exit or in the Bus area. Please encourage your children to only use the pedestrian exit. This is for the Health & Safety of all pupils.

## Birthday Invitations & Christmas Cards

While it is lovely to see boys and girls inviting some of their friends to birthday parties, we would ask, and it is school policy, that invitations are not handed out during school time or on the school yard before or after school. This is to ensure no child feels left out and is disappointed. The same applies to Christmas Cards. Thank you for your co-operation.

## NEWB

As per NEWB regulations, please be sure to send in a note to class teacher following an absence outlining dates and reason for the absence.

## Enrolment

Enrolment for all new pupils will take place on February 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.  
Please come into the school office to enrol your child for 2019-2020.

Many thanks for your continued support.

*Scoil Mhuire Staff*



# SCOIL MHUIRE NEWSLETTER



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I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Scoil Mhuire and in our community a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. I hope the festive season is good to you all and that everyone gets a well earned break over the holidays.

It has been a very busy term and September seems like a distant memory. The last few weeks have been very busy in school. I would like to express my thanks to all our teachers and SNAs for all their work and continued dedication to each and every child in our school. I would like to thank Annona in the office, Gabriel our caretaker and Simon Murphy for all their work also in keeping the school ticking over so well.

I would especially like to wish all the boys and girls a Happy Christmas and I hope you all have a lovely break with your families and friends.

## Talent Show

This year's Talent Show will be in aid of Crumlin Hospital. We are asking all students to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and donate what they can to a worthy cause.

## Holidays

Scoil Mhuire will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 12pm for infants & 12:15pm for all other classes. School will reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9:00am.

## Fundraising

### Clothes Collection.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our clothes collection recently. Thanks to Simon Murphy and the Parents' Association for all their efforts in gathering up as many bags as possible. We were delighted to raise €560 from this collection. The money raised will go a long way towards a second set of jerseys for the school – for sporting events.

### Christmas Hamper Raffle.

We were delighted with the response to our Christmas Hamper Raffle this year. It was the first time we have held such a raffle and we are very grateful to everyone for getting behind it. None of this would have been possible without all the work of the Parents' Association. There were some fantastic prizes to be won. Over €1600 was raised and the funds will go a long way to helping the PA prepare for the many events they organise during the year. Well done to all the prize winners. Very jealous!!!!



## Road Safety

Following recent contact with the County Council regarding road safety for the children of our school, the Road Safety Officer has attended the school at different times in order to assess our setting and see what if any changes might need to be made. You may have noticed him outside the school both in the mornings and in the evenings. He was concerned with a number of children travelling in cars without seatbelts and appropriate booster seats if required. He also noted how some people are crossing at the lights when it is not safe to do so. We would urge all families travelling to and from school to follow good road safety practices as much as possible. It is important that we all set a good example for our children. The Safety Officer will visit the school to talk to the children early in the New Year.



## Senior Citizens' Day



Another lovely day was had recently in Scoil Mhuire when the Senior Citizens in our community and Grandparents of our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils came to share in some festive cheer in our school. There was music and song and dancing to entertain our visitors. We were delighted to welcome everyone to our school and delighted to keep up this lovely tradition and important link to our community. Many thanks to all who took part in the occasion and to Ms Scanlan and her 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils for organising the event. Thanks to all those who baked and to the PA for all their work on the day.

## Carol Services

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in the Gemma Hanlon Carol Service recently with some other schools in the locality. This is a yearly event held in memory of Gemma who passed away a few years ago. Gemma was Principal in Donard National School and a close friend to all in Scoil Mhuire.

Our school choir and tin whistlers are busy preparing for the upcoming Carol Service in Ballymore church on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm** where we will join the Adult choir for what promises to be a lovely service. All are welcome to attend.

## Mini Science

Well done to our mini science winners, Simon, Ciarán & Conor who were chosen from all the projects presented to the judges recently as part of our mini scientist competition. The boys will go forward to represent the school later in the year.







