

DECEMBER'19

Christmas is coming!



Calendars

The PTA has produced a lovely school calendar for the coming school year with photos of all the children taken by Julie McCoy. If you haven't yet bought a calendar there are still some available from the PTA priced at €10 each or three for €25. They'd make great Christmas presents!

Primary Forum

The school continues to be involved in the forum on redeveloping the Primary School Curriculum. The draft curriculum framework will be ready for public consultation in the new year and the teachers in our school will be piloting some of the elements of this framework in the remainder of the school year. More information to follow next term



Christmas Fair

Our highly anticipated annual Christmas Fair is one of the main highlights of the school year, and 2019 was no exception! The children had a great day with the older children helping their younger buddies to buy a variety of things from toys to hot dogs. There were loads of different stalls selling all sorts: toys, sweets, good as new, books, cakes, accessories, adult bottles as well as pizza, hot dogs, nails and face painting and many more.

A huge thank you to the parents who helped sorting all the stuff beforehand and to those who helped on the day. We raised over €4,500 on the day, which was a great result. Thank you also to the PTA who organised the raffle prizes.





Maintenance

The board is constantly keeping the school building under review and carried out quite a lot of work over the summer holidays. Next summer we hope to paint the classrooms.

You may have noticed that the front door of the school has recently been replaced with a sturdier, stronger door.

In addition the Safety Statement has had its annual review and there was a recent fire drill.

Staff

We welcome Mrs. Tanya Correll and Mrs. Linda Scannell back from their respective maternity leaves next term. Thank you to Ms. Alana Storey who leaves us at the end of this term.



Board of Management

The process of constituting a new Board of Management for 2019-2023 has now been completed and the board held its first meeting on Tuesday 10th December.

It is the duty of the board to *'manage the school on behalf of the patron and for the benefit of the students and their parents to provide or cause to be provided an appropriate education for each student at the school for for which that board has responsibility'* (Education Act 1998)

The new board is as follows:

Chairperson: Rev. Canon Adrienne Galligan

Patron's Nominee: Christopher Sykes

Secretary and Principal: Joyce Perdue

Teachers' Nominee: Eoin Leonard

Parents' Nominee: Dervla Cole

Parents' Nominee: David Johnston

Community Nominee: Liz O'Leary

Community Nominee: Ramon Gillis

Sensory Path

Thanks to the generosity of the PTA and a kind donation from Zurich Insurance we now have a new sensory path along the school corridor. This is to encourage children to move in a variety of ways to build their physical capabilities.

The children are having great fun with the path (staff too!) Try it out when you're visiting.



Choir Christmas Concert

The choir will hold a short Christmas Concert on Monday 16th December at 7 p.m in the school hall.

Please come along and support the singers!

Christmas Plays

The school Christmas Plays will take place on Thursday 19th December.

Junior & Senior infants will perform 'Christmas with the Aliens' at 9 a.m.

Ranganna 1 & 2 will perform 'The Donkey Sellers' at 10 a.m. on the same day.

The children have been working very hard learning their lines and the songs so these will be

Solas Project

A HUGE thank you to all the children who donated toys to support the Solas project. The response was terrific and will make a big difference to many children this Christmas.



Christmas Service

There will be a school Christmas Service on Thursday 19th December in Rathfarnham Parish Church, beginning at 7 p.m. The service will be led by the children and is a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Everyone is invited to attend.



Memorial

On the last day of term, Friday 20th December, at 2p.m., we are planning a short memorial ceremony in Claire's garden here in school. This is to remember past pupil, Claire Tuite, who sadly passed away at Christmas in 2017.

Claire had a huge impact on all who knew her in her all too short life, and she is sadly missed.

Parents, pupils and Claire's friends are all invited to join us in remembering Claire and marking her anniversary.

END OF TERM

School ends for all pupils on Friday 20th December at 12 noon.

School reopens on Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.20 a.m.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas!

