St. John Bosco Junior Boys' School, Navan Road, Dublin 7. Newsletter December 2017



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Dear Parents/Guardians

December is flying by and Christmas is almost upon us. The boys and teachers have been very busy practising for the concert, decorating the school with their beautiful artwork and working hard to get all their work done before the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our boys, parents, guardians, staff and Board members a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Christmas Concerts

The boys are working in class groups and will do a little show in the School Hall. You are invited to come to see your son on the stage at the times listed below. Each show will last approx. 20 - 30 minutes. The boys will be allowed to go home after their performance if you wish to take them. Please allow them to return to their classroom and you can collect them from there.

Tuesday 19th December

12.30pm - Junior Infants (including Ms Carr's

ASD Class)

1.45pm - First Class

Wednesday 20th December

12.45pm - Senior Infants

Christmas Charity Collections

We all know that this time of year can put a lot of demands on families so we try to do our bit to ease the burden. This year we have two ways to help those in need. We are collecting non-perishable food for the St Vincent De Paul. Please send any donations in to the class teacher before Monday 18^{th} December. We are also going to hold a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 21^{st} December. The boys may wear their festive jumpers and bring in a suggested donation of $\mathfrak{C}2$. All money raised will be donated to Temple Street Children's Hospital. We will also leave donation boxes in the hall on the days of the concerts for anyone who wishes to donate then. Thank you in advance for all donations.

Special Visitor

A little bird has informed me that we may have a very special visitor to our school on Thursday 21st December. Hopefully, he will catch everyone being good!

Parents' Committee Raffle

The Parents' Committee Annual Raffle will take place on Wednesday December 13th. The money raised in the raffle will go towards educational resources and activities for the boys. Many thanks to all of the sponsors who so generously donated the many prizes.

Junior Infants September 2018

We are now accepting applications for Junior Infants 2018. Application forms are available from the office or on our website. The closing date for applications is 31^{st} January 2018.

Head Lice

There have been quite a number of cases of head lice in the school over the last few weeks. Please take the time over the Christmas holidays to check your son's hair. Bugbusting kits containing special combs are available from the office for €10.

Book Fair

The Celtic Travelling Book Fair visited our school in November and €1600 was collected on book sales. We get 60% of this back in books for our library and to use as Supplementary Readers so a big thank you to everyone who bought books. I hope all the boys are enjoying reading them!

New Arrival

Congratulations to Ms Fiona Coffey and her husband Conor on the arrival of their baby girl, Ellianna. We wish them every happiness together.

Class Contact Sheet

The Class Contact sheets have been distributed to Junior Infants. If any Senior Infant or First Class parents would like a copy, please request one through the office. Thank you.

Emergency Contact Details

If you have changed your telephone number or moved house please remember to let us know as it is vital we have emergency contact details for all boys. Also, if you are not receiving text messages please contact myself or Marie so we can rectify this.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd December - School closes at 12.00pm - Christmas Holidays Monday 8th January - school reopens Monday 15th January - School Closed - Primary Language Curriculum In Service Day.

Clodagh Farrell Principal