



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

I would like to bring the following to your attention in this November newsletter.

Christmas Concert:

The children have been practicing very well with their teachers and they are really looking forward to performing on the night. The concert will start at 7pm on Thursday December 5th.

There will be a raffle on the night which is an important fundraiser for the school. The Parents Association are requesting your help with donations for Christmas hampers & spot prizes for the Christmas Concert raffle i.e. sweets & treats, selection boxes, vouchers, games etc. If you have any unwanted baskets/hampers please recycle and drop off at the school office.

There is a box left in the school reception area so please leave donations in the box if you wish to support, before Wednesday 27th of November. The Parents Association will collect the donations this week and next week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Team Hope Christmas Shoeboxes Thank You:

Well done for your amazing generosity and a total of 45 boxes were collected for this project. These Christmas boxes will make many children smile at Christmas time in Africa and Eastern Europe.

School Attendance:

Since we returned on August 30th, Toonagh National School has an excellent average attendance of 95.1%. Please let the school know if your child is absent and the reason why. It is school policy that reasons must be given in writing/email to the class teacher.

Secondary School Applications - Sixth Class Pupils:

Application forms for the local secondary schools are available on each school's website. Applications are now being accepted and the closing date for the application forms for the Ennis Secondary Schools is 12.30pm, Friday 10 January 2025.

School Sport

- **Gaelic Football:** Well done to our girls' and boys' footballers who both reached their finals. On the day they were defeated by Clonmoney NS and Kilnaboy NS. The boys are girls played very well in Cusack Park and they gave of their all in their finals. Afterwards they were treated to food in Supermacs. Thanks to all the parents, pupils, staff and school community for the great support we received at the finals which gave great encouragement to our players. Well done to all the boys and girls who were part of the panel, everyone trained very well throughout the last few months and made great improvement. Thanks very much to Mr. Eustace and Ms. Barry for training our footballers.
- **Cross Country:** Well done to our pupils who qualified for the Clare Cross Country County Finals in Lees Road where all our athletes acquitted themselves very well. Special mention to Sophia Treacy (6th Class) who was third and claimed the bronze medal in the Under 10 Girls county final and special mention to Ella Treacy (2nd Class) who came first and claimed the gold medal in the Under 8 Girls county final.

Halloween Fun:

The children had great enjoyment and fun during our Halloween dress-up and parade in our Astroturf before the mid-term break. Each child received treats from the school and it was a happy end to the first half-term for the children. You can see the photos of this fun day on our Instagram page.

Hot School Meals:

The school has been informed that we will be included in the extended roll out of the Hot School Meals scheme in this school year. Each child will be provided with a hot dinner/meal, free of charge that will be delivered by a catering company. There is a tendering process to be completed and it is likely that the service will commence in April 2025. We hope to have more information in Term 2 2025.

Parents Association News:

- **Toy Show Celebration Box:** The Parents Association are putting together treat boxes for the Late Late Toy Show. Order forms were sent home and an epayment request was issued this week. Orders can be posted by students in our special Toy Show Post Box located outside Noelette's office. Order forms are attached to this Newsletter. Please return order forms and complete the online payment by this Friday November 22nd.
- **Christmas Concert Raffle:** A box is left in the school reception area to leave donations in, by Wednesday 27th of November.
- **Christmas Cards:** The pupils designed Christmas cards again this year and the Parents Association will have further details about ordering the Christmas cards.
- **Book Fair:** The Book Fair was held in the school this week and last week. It was an opportunity to get some Christmas presents together, while also supporting our school. Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped out with the running of the Book Fair and it was a great success.
- **Christmas Tree and decorations before the Toy Show!** Members of our PA and parents will put up our Christmas Tree and decorations in our school reception area.

Important Dates coming up:

- **Friday Nov 22nd:** Return order forms and make online payment for PA Toy Show treat boxes if ordering.
- **Wednesday Nov 27th:** Donations for Christmas Concert raffle fundraiser by this date. Thanks for your support.
- **Friday Nov 29th:** School closed due to General Election Polling Station.
- **Thursday Dec 5th:** Christmas Concert @7pm.
- **Friday Dec 20th:** School closes for Christmas Holidays @12.30pm.

Thanks for your continued support,

Gearóid Roughan

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Toonagh N.S. Parents Association
Christmas Fundraiser



LATE LATE
TOY SHOW
Celebration
Box

€5 per box

Includes Popcorn, Chocolate, Hot chocolate mix, Jellies, Cookies, Certificate, Colouring sheet and your chance to win a Golden Ticket!!



Golden Tickets
 is a surprise
 Homework pass or
 No Uniform pass



Order Form

Name: _____

Class: _____

Number of boxes: _____

Treat boxes will be given out on Friday December 6th. Place your order by completing this form and including payment by November 22nd and post it in our Special letterbox in School Reception. No further orders taken after this date. Thank you!

Food Allergy Notice: Treats may contain Wheat, Dairy, Eggs and Nuts.