



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 practising 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 8th.

The Parent's Association are holding a raffle on the night and they are looking for donations from parents, to help with the spot prizes, in the form of sweets, biscuits etc. A box will be left in the school reception area so please leave donations in the box, before **Friday 2nd of December**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Team Hope Christmas Shoeboxes Thank You:

Well done for your amazing generosity and a total of 66 boxes were collected for this project. These Christmas boxes will make many children smile at Christmas time in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Rudolph the Musical and Mamma Mia the Musical:

The pupils in Juniors, Seniors, 1st and 2nd classes will attend Rudolph the Musical in Dánlann An Chláir on Friday, 16th of December. 5th and 6th class will attend Mamma Mia on Wednesday, November 30th in Dánlann An Chláir. We hope the pupils enjoy these outings and an epayment request will be sent out. The fee will cover the cost of entry and also the cost of the bus.

School Attendance:

Since we returned on August 30th, Toonagh National School has an excellent average attendance of 95.2%. 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 to the class teacher.

Maths Week (17/10-21/10) and Science Week (14/11-18/11):

For Maths and Science week the children and their teachers took part in many interactive maths activities, games, maths trails around the school and Science experiments. The children really enjoyed these activities and our school Twitter page was very popular during Maths and Science week with tweets and pictures from the teachers of the different activities and experiments taking place in the classes. Well done to all the children and teachers.

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 Friday, 13th of January 2023 (12:30pm).

Sacraments' Update:

The date for the First Confession for our Holy Communion Children is 27th of February at 7pm in Dysart Church.

School Sport

- **Gaelic Football:** Well done and commiserations to our boys and girls footballers who acquitted themselves well in the Cumann na mBunscol Finals in Cusack Park recently. They played very well throughout the competition and it just wasn't their day in the final. It was a great achievement for both our teams to qualify for the final. Well done to the boys and girls on their training and hanks to Ms. Cullinan and Mr. Eustace for training our footballers.
- **Cross Country:** Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the Clare Cross Country County Finals in Lees Road where all the children acquitted themselves very well.

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.

Parents Association News:

- **Christmas Concert Raffle:** We will be holding a raffle on the evening of the concert and are looking for contributions from parents, to help with the spot prizes, in the form of sweets, biscuits etc. A box will be left in the school reception area so please leave donations in the box, before Friday 2nd of December.
- **Book Fair:** The Book Fair will held in the school from Wednesday 7th December to Tuesday 13th. It's a great opportunity to get some Christmas presents together, while also supporting our school. The children will be attending during school hours and parents are welcome to also come and place orders. Volunteers will be available in the school on Friday 9th December between 1.45 – 3.15 and again on Monday between 1.45 – 3.15 Please note that, if you wish for a book to be delivered to the parent, instead of the child, we can arrange this. Just let the volunteer know, when you place your order.
- **Christmas Tractor Run & much much more:** The PA are planning an exciting community event, in conjunction with Toonagh Hall Committee. On Sunday 11th December from 5 -8, we will be holding an illuminated Tractor Run. Registration for the Tractor Run will be from 4pm in Banner Equestrian and everyone will return to the hall, where there will be lots of festive fun, including a Monster Raffle, with some amazing prizes; a Santa Visit; Candlelight Tea Time; Local Crafts for sale; a kickabout for the more energetic attendees and hopefully some festive music, to finish things off. It promises to be a great evening for the community and we hope to see all the children, and their families, attend.
- **Christmas Tree and decorations before the Toy Show!** Members of our PA and parents will be in school this Friday to put up our Christmas Tree and decorations in our school reception area.

Important Dates coming up:

- **Thursday Dec 8th:** Christmas Concert @7pm
- **Sunday Dec 11th:** Christmas Tractor Run in partnership with Toonagh Hall Committee.
- **Wednesday Dec 7th – Tuesday December 13th:** Parents' Association Book Fair
- **Wednesday Dec 21st:** School closes for Christmas Holidays @12.30pm.

Thanks for your continued support,

Gearóid Roughan

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