



Christmas Newsletter December 2020

Nuacht-litir na Nollag 2020



HOLY TRINITY
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Travel Advice from Chief Medical Officer.

Please be aware and take note of current advice in relation to travel. It is important that all non-essential domestic and international travel is avoided. Anyone who travels internationally must restrict their movements for 14 days on arrival into Ireland. Alternatively, travellers may take a PCR test on day 5 after arrival and should continue to restrict their movement until they receive a 'not detected' result.

Christmas Cheer Recordings

The weather has been favourable this week to allow us capture some of our Christmas activities outdoors. We look forward to sharing some festive cheer with you on Tuesday morning.

We will also share our Christmas Carol Service on Monday morning at 11.30a.m.

Full details on where you can log on to see our assemblies will be sent by text on Monday and Tuesday morning.

We look forward to returning to all the usual fantastic Holy Trinity Christmas Activities in 2021.

Christmas Jumpers.

Pupils may wear Christmas jumpers or school tracksuits on both Monday and Tuesday. This is entirely voluntary. There will be no collection for a Christmas charity this year.

School Books

Pupils are taking all their schoolbook home on Monday afternoon. This measure is taken to ensure continuity of learning in the unlikely event that pupils cannot return to school on January 6th.

School books will not be required in school on this coming Tuesday and pupils need only bring a small snack with them for their morning break

Term 2

The new term will begin on Wednesday January 6th. Pupils should continue to line up in the yard at the times assigned since September

Communication

We will use our school email to update all families on any advice issued by the DES and HSE ahead of our return to school on January 6th

Christmas Raffle

Mile buíochas to all who supported our Christmas raffle. The draw took place on Friday afternoon in school in the presence of Sergeant Ivan Howlin. A broadcast of the raffle has been posted in the news section on our school website.

Congratulations to all winners. Over €8,000 has been raised, and on behalf of all staff and Board of Management, I pay tribute to the Parent Association for organising this hugely successful event.

I thank you all for your generous support.

Reminder of Pick-Up Time on Tuesday

Junior Infants 11.45 a.m.

Senior Infants 11.50a.m.

Second Class, Fourth Class & Sixth Class 11.55a.m.

First Class, Thitd Class & Fifth Class 12 noon

Parents of pupils Junior Infants – 2nd Class should wait outside the main school gate until called on Tuesday.



Christmas Message from Mr. Tobin. Please read to your child.

Dear Pupils and Parents

I take this opportunity to thank everybody for your support throughout this eventful year. What a year it has been!

None of us could have imagined in March 2020 the way our world would be turned upside down. No-one could have predicted that all that was familiar and normal to us would be robbed from us in an instant, and replaced by the strange and the unknown.

In a world that is going through so much turmoil, sickness and loss, we can be grateful that we have managed to get this far healthy and safe. We take time to remember the families who lost loved ones during the year. We are mindful of those of you in our school community who lost family members and could not share the warm embrace of friends when it was most needed.

We have much to celebrate this Christmas. However, we can still feel aggrieved that we lost out on the many exciting school and family celebrations during this year; First Communion, holidays to familiar places, the Christmas Fair, Christmas Assembly and warm hugs and friendly handshakes.

You probably feel cheated that you can't do some of the normal Christmas activities that you love doing at home and at school. I share your loss and look forward to 2021 when hopefully we will get back to doing all those familiar things we miss so much.

The resilience and spirit demonstrated during the past few difficult months has been inspiring. You have witnessed how this awful time has brought out the best in those around you. I want you to remember this year as the time you felt the comfort and support of your family when you were anxious and frustrated. This was the year you witnessed and felt the warmth of neighbours and friends who looked out for each other and helped each other. This was the year you had to make that extra effort to keep in touch with those who mattered. You now know through experience that there are so many looking out for you. The support and dedication of your parents and teachers has hopefully given you the assurance and confidence to face all challenges ahead.

I thank all our teachers and support staff for all their hard work and dedication to you during this year. I congratulate all of you for your diligent work and compliment you on your excellent behaviour during this very challenging period.

I thank your parents who supported your 'Covid-Journey' and while they may not have always been able to do what you wanted, they always knew what you needed and kept you safe.

While we cannot get careless, we can take confidence that 2021 will bring brighter days and a return to the normal activities we crave for. The daffodils we planted in our school will blossom in the Springtime and will serve as a symbol of the bright days and happiness ahead.

Our School Board of Management and Parent Association have been through a difficult year. They did a remarkable job helping to ensure everything was in place to allow learning continue in safe, happy and generously resourced classrooms.

I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and I look forward with hope and confidence to many happier days in 2021.

Tá siúl agam go mbainfidh gach éinne lán taitneamh ón saoire atá le teacht.

Nollaig faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh uilig.

James Tobin