



St John the Baptist BNS

NEWSLETTER

December/Mí na Nollag 2023



Sleigh Bells Ring Are You Listening...- It's a most magical time of the year & a real privilege for us to work in a school at this time. Best of luck to our friends in the girls' school as they take to the stage next week for their Christmas shows! At our end, we're very much looking forward to our Parent Association's **Winter Wonderland** on 14 December. It's shaping up to be a great event! Thanks, as ever, for your ongoing support and especially at this time with the shoebox appeal (over 100 boxes!), the school calendars, the Christmas cards & the 50/50 draws! The PA and Board of Management will be providing a free Christmas annual for every boy in our school. A small token of our appreciation of you & the boys! Nollaig Shona Daoibh go léir. 🎄👶

Don't Forget...

We'd a very successful **Anti-Bullying Month** during **November** where key messages around our school's **Anti-Bullying Policy** were relayed to all the boys, again and again.



All boys - depending on their age of course - should have some if not significant understanding of what bullying is and what to do if they are being bullied or see others being bullied.

Let's remain vigilant throughout the year & remember that we're a telling and listening school.



APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION for our **Mainstream Junior Infants Class (2024/25)** and our **Seomra na Rí Autism Class** are now open. Forms on the school website or from the office.

Aladdin Connect is our main method of home-school communication. If you've not downloaded the app or are struggling to do so, please contact the office or our Home School Community Liaison Rachel Hayes @ 089 4878635 (Phone, Text, Whatsapp). **All reasons for absence must be communicated through this app or by contacting the school office.**



Dates For Your Diary

- ❖ **Saturday 2 December**, Parent Association Bucket Collection/Flag Day, raising money for sunken trampoline. Please support
- ❖ **Weds 6 December**, 1st and 5th Class Choirs Performing for Cashel Day Care Centre members
- ❖ **Friday 8 December**, School Closed
- ❖ **Tuesday 12 December**, Wreath Making Workshop for Parents, organised by our HSCL Rachel, from 9.30am
- ❖ **Thursday 14 December**, Parent Association WINTER WONDERLAND EXTRAVAGANZA
- ❖ **Thursday 21 December**, End of Term Assemblies (Juniors to 2nd @ 11.20am & 2nd/3rd to 6th @ 1.30pm) - Parents Welcome
- ❖ **Friday 22 December**, Half Day, School Closed for Christmas Holidays, reopening on Monday 8 January 2024
- ❖ **Fundamental Movement Skills** with John O'Dwyer continues every Thursday in December with classes from Junior Infants to Second
- ❖ 5th and 6th classes swimming lessons continue into December. 5th class final date is **Weds 20 Dec** while 6th's final date is **Tues 12 Dec**

Are you forgetting your son's **uniform days**? Print out this handy guide for December (it's the same as last month) from our HSCL, Rachel, by clicking:

[November Uniform Calendar](#) Also posted on website.

Our **CAPER (Juniors to 2nd)** and **Accelerated Reader (Third to Sixth)** Reading Initiatives need your support! We want to instil in **all** our boys a love of reading which we passionately believe will stand to them as they continue on their educational journey! Please ask if you need any support with these initiatives.. We'd be only too delighted to help!



Special Events/Activities/News/Curriculum News

The **new Board of Management** commenced its term of office on 1 December 2023. The following members comprise the new Board: Monica Shannon, Chairperson; Will Ryan, Principal & Secretary to the Board; Fr Enda Brady, Patron's Representative; Jennie O'Farrell, Teachers' Nominee; Brendan Guckian & Odharnaith Ní Allúin, Parents' Nominees, Julia Adamczak & Paddy Purtill, Community Nominees. Best of luck (and thank you) to the Board as it embarks on a new journey together (Dec 2023-Nov 2027).

Thanks to the hard work of Niamh and the Parent Association, we hope to have some physical samples of **school half-zips** to show you either before Christmas or when we come back after the holidays. Decisions on what to do next will need to be made in January.

The previous Board ratified the [Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment 10 November 2023.pdf](#) This is a **very important document** and is available to read by clicking the above link or on our school's website. A hard copy can also be provided to any parent at any stage.

Reminders: -

- We're always on the look out for spare uniforms, shoes, football boots. Please drop to reception if any spare!

-**Water only, please. No diluted water or juices.** - Please do not park in the bus bay.

-**Food waste is frustrating. Please discuss the food options with your son and order appropriately on the Lunch Bag app.**

News from our Parent Association



Can you help us fill a trolley?

The Parent Association is asking for your help to fill a trolley with **DRY STOCK** in aid of Cashel & District Social Services this Christmas...



We are collecting dry foods to make up Christmas hampers for those in need in our community this Christmas. There will be a trolley at the main entrance at the front of the school from **November 29th until December 13th**. Please donate if you can, your help is much appreciated.

Examples of dry food items to bring in:

<input type="checkbox"/> Tins of beans, spaghetti etc	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweets
<input type="checkbox"/> Cereal	<input type="checkbox"/> Selection boxes
<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta	<input type="checkbox"/> Flour
<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice

Please note: NO FRESH FOODS (due to Best Before dates)

Thank you for your support!



St John the Baptist Boys' N.S., Cashel Parent Association

BUCKET COLLECTION

Fundraiser for a sunken trampoline for the boys

Saturday, 2nd December

All support much appreciated



CASHEL B.N.S. PARENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

WINTER Wonderland

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER

SESSION 1 (SENSORY): 3.45PM-4.45PM
SESSION 2: 5PM-6.30PM
SESSION 3: 7PM-8.30PM

€10 PER CHILD
FAMILY TICKET OF 3-4 CHILDREN €25
(ADULTS FREE: MAX 2 ADULTS PER FAMILY)



Trolley in school until 13 Dec

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