

PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boys and girls from Scoil Bhríde are looking forward to treating Christmas shoppers by performing Christmas Carols in Dunnes Stores Shopping Centre on Wednesday 13th & 15th of December. We hope you can all make it on the day. Preparations have begun and the boys and girls can't wait to perform.

Dunnes Stores Carol Singing	
Wednesday 13 th	
12:15 - 1:00pm	Fourth Class: Ms. Coleman Ms. Butler Ms. Crowley
Friday 15 th	
11:30 - 12:00pm	Fifth Class: Mr. Desmond Mr. Swan Ms. Reynolds
12:15 - 1:00pm	Sixth Class: Mr. Spain Ms. McKeown

SANTA'S VISIT

We are all looking forward to Santa's big visit. Santa is very busy this time of year but will take some time off to visit the boys and girls of Scoil Bhríde on Thursday 21st December at 9:30am and wish us all a Merry Christmas. We hope that all the pupils are being well behaved in advance of his arrival! Many thanks to the Parents' Association, for extending the invitation to Santa and for all their work in preparing for the visit.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL BASED CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Classes will perform Christmas Carols and Festive Songs for parents and family members. Details are as follows:

Christmas Performances	
Monday 18 th	
12:00pm	Special Classes: Ms. Scully Ms. Morrin Ms. Brennan Ms. Maguire Ms. Farrell Ms. Gavin
Tuesday 19 th	
9:00am	Junior Infants (Mrs. Costello) Junior Infants (Ms. Keane) Junior Infants (Ms. Rourke)
9:30am	Senior Infants (Ms. Mannion) Senior Infants (Ms. Craig) Senior Infants (Ms. Keegan)
10:00am	First Class (Ms. Hevican) First Class (Ms. Hurst) First Class (Ms. Masterson)
10:50am	Second Class (Ms. Gill) Second Class (Ms. Hastings) Second Class (Ms. O'Shea)
11:20am	School band will perform
Wednesday 20 th	
9:00am	Third Class (Ms. Fitzgerald) Third Class (Ms. Dillon) Third Class (Ms. Carroll)
9:50am	Fourth Class (Ms. Coleman) Fourth Class (Ms. Butler) Fourth Class (Ms. Crowley)
10:20am	Fifth Class (Mr. Desmond) Fifth Class (Mr. Swan) Fifth Class (Ms. Reynolds)
11:00am	Sixth Class (Ms. McKeown) Sixth Class (Mr. Spain)
11:30am	School band will perform

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Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s)

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter. This has been a very busy term for all involved at Scoil Bhríde. As you will see throughout this newsletter we have a lot of fun events planned for the coming weeks in preparation for the festive season.

As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to thank our outgoing Chairperson of the Parents' Association, Nathalie Leeper Murphy, and all those involved with the Parents' Association. Their hard work and efforts are very much appreciated by all here in Scoil Bhríde. I would also like to wish Mr. Liam Muldowney all the very best as he takes up his new role as Chairperson of the Parents' Association.

I would also like to acknowledge our excellent staff who have all been busy in preparation for our many different Christmas activities. My thanks to all the children of Scoil Bhríde for their on-going work in the build up to the Christmas festivities

On behalf of the school Board of Management, staff and myself, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a joyous new year.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their support & dedication over the past two years. A new committee was elected during our last PA meeting. This new committee will hold office for the next two years (2017-2019).

Our new committee members are;

* Chairperson - Liam Muldowney – 0874128636

* Secretary - Linda Cullen - 0851213517

* Treasurer - Charlene Mullally - 0851257555

* Parent Representatives of the BOM

~Anthony Fay - 0868585745

~Claire O'Donovan Rushe - 0857281905

We would also like wish all our staff, students, families & friends a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year for 2018.

EARLY WITHDRAWALS

There are a number of pupils frequently leaving school early. These numerous early withdrawals have a negative impact on learning and a child's participation in school. We urge parents to refrain from early withdrawal unless the cause is due to medical appointments or one-off family circumstances.

REMINDER—PUNCTUALITY

School begins for all pupils at 8:50am. Pupils are expected to be punctual and on time. If circumstances arise where your child is late for school and arrives after 9:05am you must accompany your child and sign him/her into school and record an explanation for lateness in the 'Late Attendance Register' at Reception.

STORM OPHELIA

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Offaly County Council and JP Brennan for all their help and use of equipment during Storm Ophelia.

MORNING DROP OFF

Parents are reminded that no cars are allowed to park in the Bus Set Down area during morning drop off. Parents are also reminded to use the drop off area as a regular round-about and to circulate if all of the drop off bays are full. This should improve the flow of traffic into and out of the school grounds in the mornings.

CHOIR

The choir are busy preparing for the Carol Service which takes place on Thursday 14th of December at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry. This is always a lovely event to help get into the Christmas spirit! Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

All the children have been involved in developing their personalised Christmas Cards. We are delighted that this initiative is at its end in plenty of time for the Christmas post. Many thanks to all those for organising this initiative.

TRIP TO THE PANTO

This year, as part of our school's Drama programme, the boys and girls travelled to the Helix to the production of 'Beauty and the Beast'. We all really enjoyed the day and we are looking forward to more Christmas festivities in the coming weeks.

TEAM HOPE'S CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

On Friday 17th November, Scoil Bhríde took part in the annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal with Team-Hope. A huge number of boxes were collected. We would like to extend a very special 'Thank You' to the parents and children who sent in boxes for this special cause.

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Lexie Delaney would like to thank all who supported her recent appeal for clothing items for the homeless. On Friday 1st December, Inner City Helping Homeless came to the school to collect the donations. Well done Lexie – keep up the good work!

CAROL SINGING AT OFALIA HOUSE

Mr. Desmond's, Mr. Swan's and Ms. Reynolds' 5th class will be visiting Ofalia House and providing a carol service for the elderly on Thursday 14th December at 11am. This annual visit is always an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER

Scoil Bhríde recently raised €600.00 for Pieta House. This money was raised through our Halloween Fancy Dress. A huge thanks to all the children and parents involved and to all who donated towards this worthy cause.

GAA COACHING

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Jimmy O'Grady for his work coaching the children throughout the term. All the hard work is paying off on the football field. We are looking forward to more competitions next term.

TAG RUGBY

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Gráinne Vaughn of Edenderry Rugby Club for training 4th and 5th class boys and girls this term. Also, on Friday 1st of December, 5th class travelled to Edenderry Rugby Club along with Mr. Swan and Mr. Desmond to take part in a tag rugby blitz. They played excellently and were successful in coming first and second in their respective groups. The day itself was very cold and there was plenty of muck to go around for everyone! All of the children enjoyed their day out and left with smiles and some mud on their faces!

LUNCH TIME LEAGUES

Lunch time leagues for 5th & 6th class have been ongoing this term for over 100 pupils. These included competitions in Pella and Basketball. We are all looking forward to more lunch time leagues in the new year.