



Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School

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Family Note #3

Dear parents,

Time is passing so quickly, it is hard to believe that we have a little over two weeks left in school before the Christmas Holidays. Time has moved so quickly since we returned in September.

Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Transition year; We were delighted to welcome Carla Catarineu who is completing her transition year experience with us every Thursday.

Special Needs Assistant; Welcome to Ellen Clifford who is completing her S.N.A experience with us every Tuesday.

Teaching practice; Huge congratulations to Treasa O'Sullivan who completed her final year teaching practice in both 6th class and Junior and Senior infants. Treasa has been a fantastic addition to our school for the past few months and we wish her the very best in her future career.

Enrolment 2025; Applications for our Junior Infant class 2025 are now open. Application forms are available to download from our website or directly from the office. The closing date is February 28th 2025.

Christmas Shoe box appeal; We wish to thank everyone who took part in our Christmas Show box appeal this year. Over 70 boxes were collected and sent to Team hope for distribution to make children around the world very happy this year.

Welcome; We would like to extend a warm welcome to Catherine O'Sullivan who has taken up a position of Special Needs Assistant in our school for the remainder of the year.

Book fair; Our Book Fair has arrived in the school and books are now available to purchase. All classes had an opportunity to browse through the books last week. Books were available to purchase yesterday afternoon, Monday and again this afternoon, Tuesday. The Book fair will also open this evening, Tuesday, 3rd December from 6pm-8pm. All welcome. Huge thank you to our Parent's Association for facilitating this.

Parent Teacher meetings; Parent teacher meetings took place over the last two weeks in the school hall. Thank you to all parents who attended. If for any reason you have not met with the class teacher, please contact them to arrange an appointment.

New Maths Curriculum; As you may be aware, a new maths Curriculum has been developed and will be rolled out in all schools over the coming years. This year, staff members will be engaging in training for this new curriculum. School will be closed on Thursday next, 5th December to facilitate this training. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas Jumper day takes place on Monday, 16th December. Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers and donate €2 in aid of Kerry Hospice.

Relaxation Classes; Sarah Cunningham has been providing relaxation classes to 1st -4th classes for a six-week period. She will also offer a free parent's session on Monday, 16th December at 9.15am. All parents are welcome to attend in the school hall.

School Tracksuits; Please note that we are now adding Tuesday to our Tracksuit day for all classes. Children are invited to wear their school tracksuits on this day.

Parking and road safety; Drop off and collection times are extremely busy times at our school. We ask that you park safely and respect our neighbours while doing so. Please continue to drive carefully in the area and remind your children not to leave the school grounds until they see you. Your continued patience and co-operation at these busy times is greatly appreciated.

Healthy eating; As we are a healthy eating school, we ask that all parents provide their children with a healthy snack for their first break. A small treat is allowed on a Friday. Our healthy eating policy is available to view on our website. We are also a nut free and fish free school as we have pupils who have severe allergies to both. We ask that you please adhere to this policy.

Christmas Concert; Our Christmas concert will take place in the school hall on Friday, 13th December. Our Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st class will perform at 12.30 followed by a short interval. Classes 2nd to 6th will begin at 13.15.

Please note that the lunch bag will not be providing any lunches on this day.

Birthday invitations; We have rolled out a new system of birthday invitations in our junior classes. If you wish to request a list of phone numbers for this purpose, please contact the school office.

Parent's Association AGM; Our Parents Association held their first meeting on October 15 and we were delighted with the turn out. It was decided that this year, as opposed to electing specific officers, that we would look for a parent representation from each class and we are delighted to say that no class was left wanting!

Representing the Junior and Senior Classes are Andrea (Emma's mom) and Alison (Sam's mom); Courtney (Aria's mom) is representing 1st Class; Fiona (Beibhinn's mom) and Jenny (Conor's mom) for 2nd Class; Rosemary (Lily's mom) for 3rd & 4th Class; Claire (Gemma's mom) and Geraldine (Alannah's mom) for 5th Class, Sharon (Emily's mom) and Ciara (Senan's mom) for 6th Class.

If at any time you would like to get involved with the Parents Association, or would like to help out at a particular event, we would be delighted to hear from you. Simply contact the nominated rep from your child's class and they will fill you in.

Until then the nominated reps will keep you informed of any events of interest.

Rotary Club wine and art evening; We were delighted to have been included as a beneficiary of this year's event. The Wine and Art night took place on Wednesday evening, 27th November in the Great Southern Hotel. A huge thank you to all who supported this event and purchased tickets through the school. It was a fantastic evening and all attendees thoroughly enjoyed it. A special thanks to our parents and staff who volunteered on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I wish you and your families a safe and exciting build up to this festive season. Thank you as always for your support.

Regards,

B O'Sullivan