

Scéalta 16
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
20th December 2017



Happy Christmas!

This is our final newsletter for 2017. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and wish you all peace, health and happiness in 2018. Please note the school will close on Friday 22nd for the Christmas break as follows:

<u>Class Level</u>	<u>Finishing Time</u>
Junior Infants to 2 nd Class <i>(from the lines)</i>	11.40am
3 rd Classes to 6 th Classes	12.00 noon

Please collect your child on time. School will re-open on Monday 8th January 2018 at 8.50am as normal.

Traffic Wardens

A special ***Thank you*** to Lucy, Bettina and Bridie for keeping our children safe throughout the year. Bridie was on the news at 1.00pm and 6.00pm last Friday 15th December. She featured in a Christmas Cheerleaders clip filmed by RTE. Click on the link below to see the clip.
<https://mobile.twitter.com/rtenews/status/941643752602554368>

Our Traffic Wardens have left a lollipop for every child in the school. These will be distributed to the children tomorrow. Huge thanks to Lucy, Bettina and Bridie for their generosity.

Visit from Mr. Claus

A big Thank you goes to the Parents' Association for organising Santa's visit today. Santa was so delighted to hear all the children singing and being so good. They are all definitely on the "good list" this year!

Class Calendars

All Class Calendars were distributed to the children who ordered them. Many thanks to the PA for organising this.

1st Class Plays

Congratulations and well done to all the boys and girls in 1st class who welcomed their parents and guardians to the school yesterday and today to enjoy their amazing Christmas Play. We are so proud of our children and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did! Thank you to the teachers, Ms. Brennan, Ms. Cummins, Ms. NíMhaicín and Ms. Stewart, for all their work preparing the children.

Carols Around the Tree

All classes will enjoy a Carol Service in the PE Hall tomorrow. We hope all children enjoy this tradition of singing carols around our Christmas Tree. Special thanks to Mr. Cryan and all our teachers for helping the children to prepare for this occasion.

Maths Week Winners

Congratulations to all pupils who won various competitions during our recent Maths week. Prizes for the winners of the Maths Eyes Poster Competition and the Maths Quiz Winners were distributed last Thursday. Well done to everybody and many thanks to Ms. Brennan for organising Maths Week.

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

We are currently updating our school's policy on attendance and creating a strategy statement to support its implementation.

We wish to remind you that by law, we are not allowed to support any child being withdrawn from school for a family holiday. We would like you to consider this when booking holidays for 2018. We have to report the name of any child who misses 20 days or more during a school year to TUSLA. Twenty days or more is considered Low Attendance. Remember Every Day At School Counts!

Go the Extra Mile

Join the fun and run a mile for Goal over Christmas. Further details on a location near you can be found on <https://www.goalglobal.org/events/event/goal-mile>

Information for January 2018

- A parent meeting for children preparing for 1st Communion will take place at 8.00pm in St. Mochta's Church on Monday 15th January.
- For your information, the school photographers will be visiting our school on 17th January 2018. It is important that your child wears **full school uniform** on this day.
- The HSE will be completing vaccinations for our Junior Infants on 29th and 30th January 2018 – further details will follow in the New Year.
- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated for the week commencing 29th January.

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