

3rd December 2013

Dear Parent / Guardian,

New School to go to build in 2014

On Friday 29th November 2013 Minister Ruairi Quinn announced the new school build list for 2014. We are the only primary school in Louth to get a new school building. Our new school will go to planning and building in 2014. We look forward to getting the keys!

Enrolments

Please ensure you enrol your child in time as a new school will attract new enrolments and we would like to make sure our existing families are catered for. We are taking enrolments for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 at present.

Reminder Parent / Teacher Meetings

Parent / teacher meetings will be held on Thursday 5th December from 3.30pm onwards. A timetable has been issued for class teacher appointments. Please keep to your allocated time as it is unfair to others not to. You are perfectly entitled to knock on the classroom door and request your meeting if the person before you has exceeded their time allocation. Siblings have allocated consecutive time slots with their respective class teachers. Only parents / legal guardians / foster parents are entitled to attend parent / teacher meetings. Children do not attend parent / teacher meetings and suitable childcare arrangements should be made in advance.

Yellow Flag

We were awarded our Yellow Flag for Diversity recently. We thank all the pupils, parents and staff for all their hard work. The award ceremony was featured on National T.V. and in the local newspapers.

Library Project

Very well done to the Senior Classes who won best project (from among the neighbouring schools) in the Library recently. They completed their work on Europe and gave a presentation to local schools. We thank pupils and staff for all their hard work.

Christmas Hamper

As part of our Christmas Draw we organise a Christmas Hamper. We would very much appreciate if each parent / guardian could donate one low cost item for the hamper. The hamper will then be raffled on the 20th December when we break up for our Christmas Holidays. Last year we had enough for three Christmas Hampers so three lucky families won a super prize for Christmas. Your child will be given a little slip suggesting what item you could submit. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Raffle

We will have our Christmas Raffle on Friday 20th December 2013. We ask that each family tries to sell as many lines for the draw as possible. This is one of our main fundraising events each year. There will be a seller's prize also. If you are unable to fill your card up please return it to school so we can pass it onto someone else who may be able to finish filling it up. We rely heavily on our fundraising as the government grants are just not enough to run a primary school. We do realise that this year it is particularly difficult to try to raise money but please try to do your best.

Christmas Gifts

Buying gifts for school staff at Christmas is an unnecessary expense for families. Anyone who especially wishes to thank their children's teacher or S.N.A. (Special Needs Assistant) may give them a simple thank you card and /or a verbal thank you. Should you wish to make a small donation to the school or give a spot prize to the school raffle or give a Trocaire gift to a needy family in a poor country instead, this might be an alternative option in a time of recession.

Christmas Play

Pupils in 2nd and 3rd classes will perform their play "The Tiger" the Witch and the Wardrobe on Wednesday 18th December at 2.15pm. They will also sing a selection of songs. Admission is €2 per adult and children are free. Please try to be on time as your child can be upset if you miss their part.

School Holiday Dates

The school closes for the Christmas holiday period on Friday 20th December after the Christmas raffle. School re-opens on Monday 6th January 2014 for the new school term.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With season's greetings,

Ann Middleton
Principal