

St. Joseph's Primary School

December 2007

Christmas concert:

Tuesday 18th December in the school hall

Junior infants (Ms. Cronin's), 1st. class (Mrs. Bourke's), 1st. and 2nd (Ms. Crowley's), 4th class (Ms. K. Kelleher) and 6th class (Ms. Fitzpatrick's) have been working very hard and we eagerly await their performances!!

I take this opportunity of thanking the committee of the Parents' Association of our school. With the proceeds of last year's funding you have helped to put 10 new computers and printers in classrooms as well as helping to fund school activities such as soccer, tennis, swimming and drama. The Communion parties and the educational talks on drugs awareness and safety on the Internet were brilliant. Parents: can you spare a few hours and help the committee next term. Everyone is welcome!!

Operation Christmas child:

A huge success again this year! Loads of boxes and numerous offers of help! Isn't it wonderful that our children will bring so much happiness to children

Dates for your diary:

Christmas holidays: Friday 21st Dec

Second term begins: Mon 7th Jan

Mid-Term: Thurs 14th and Fri 15th Feb

Easter holidays: on Friday 14th March

Third term begins: Mon 31st March

Confirmation day: 23rd April

First Holy Communion: 24th. May.

Come to the Carol service in the church on Sunday the 16th at 5p.m. and hear the recorder band play and the 5th and 6th classes sing.

2nd class are doing the Nativity scene.

A very sincere thank you to our outgoing Board of Management:

Chairperson; Fr. Coleman, Gerardine Browne, Sr. Francesca, Pat Halloran, Norma O'Connor, Owen McCarthy, Vincent Kingston and Kathleen O'Driscoll for their dedication, hard work and commitment to the Board.

We wish our new Board every success: Chairperson: Pat Holloran, Sinéad Twomey, Sr. Consilio, Fr. Coleman, Vincent Kingston, Kathleen O'Driscoll, Molly O'Riordan, and Owen McCarthy, Parents' representatives.

In October the Language Support class went to Carrigaline for the Sherkin Island prize-giving day. Their prize was a collection of reference books.

In November the children took part in an integrated welcome for parents of the Language Support Class. The children presented their project to their parents.

The Late Late Toy show:

6th class from St. Joseph's and St. Colman's entered for the show. We made a dvd of our singing and had great fun doing it.

Athletics:

Cross-country running took part in the Town Park in October. Our team did us proud and won numerous trophies and medals.

1st and 2nd went to a puppet show all about healthy eating. We are a healthy eating school!!!!!!!

Book week:

Our school supported the book week in the local library. We were delighted to have the opportunity to meet with some authors and poets

Junior Infants:

We are delighted with how happy and settled in our "juniors" are.

Remember reduce, reuse and recycle especially during the holidays.

Newsflash: A Special visitor is coming very soon to see us.

School Recorder Band:

Have you heard us playing recently? We will be at the school concert; the carol service and we are going to the local hospital very soon.

Quiz time:

Congratulations to 6th class who were fantastic in the recent library quiz. Well-done girls!!

Swimming:

2nd and 3rd class have been swimming this term and have had great fun.

Soccer:

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th have all been playing soccer this term and loved it. The other classes will do it later in the year.

Music:

5th and 6th class went to the Cork Pops Orchestra in the City Hall. They experienced all styles of music and became familiar with many instruments of the orchestra with the help of a very amusing gorilla!!

Senior Infants (Ms. Creedon's) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th classes went to the Briery Gap to see Santa and the Penguins

Liturgies:

First Communion class had their enrolment ceremony on Wed 14th November and have begun their special preparation with their parents, Ms. Crowley and Fr. Coleman. We wish them well.

Mission Sunday: Well done to 6th class who had a stall at the bazaar.