



# St. Josephs Primary School Macroom

Christmas Newsletter 2009

## Christmas Greetings

On behalf of everyone here in St. Joseph's Primary School I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and every good wish to you in the New Year.

Nollaig shone duit, Crăciun Ferieit, Crismas Asamsakal, Joyeux Noel, Káracsony Boldog, Felix Navidad, Frohe Weihnachten, Priecígus Ziamasétkus, Suba Nathtalak Wewa, Su Sentom Kaledom, Speslevova rozdestva, Selamat Harí Crismas, Westotych Świąt

## Dates for Your Diary

Christmas Holidays: Tues 22nd Dec

School re-opens : Thurs 7th Jan

Mid-Term: Mon 15th, Tues 16th Feb.

St. Patrick's Day: Wed 17th March

Easter Holidays: 29th March

School re-opens:12th April

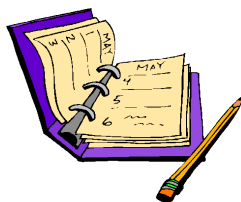
School Closed:Mon 3rd May (Bank Holiday), Tues 4th. May, Wed 5th.May

School Closed: Fri. 4th June and Mon 7th June (Bank holiday)

Summer holidays on Wed 30th June.

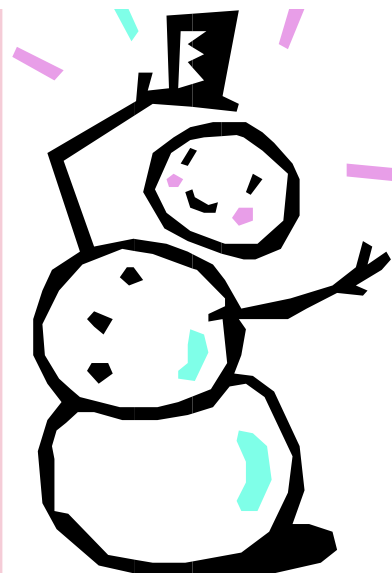
First Holy Communion: Saturday 15th May

Confirmation: Thursday 29th. April



## Christmas Giving

Christmas is a time for giving. We would like to express our gratitude for gifts which have been given to teachers and staff in the past but we feel with all of us experiencing changing circumstances, we would prefer that gifts were not given to teachers and staff or other pupils as it puts pressure on the parents.



## Carol Service

Sunday 13th Dec in The Parish Church at 5pm. Fifth Sixth and Second Classes will take part in the Service. Everyone is welcome

## Christmas Concert

Friday 18th December at 9.30a.m. in the school hall.

Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 2nd and 4th Classes have been working very hard and are looking forward to performing for you all.

## Parents Association

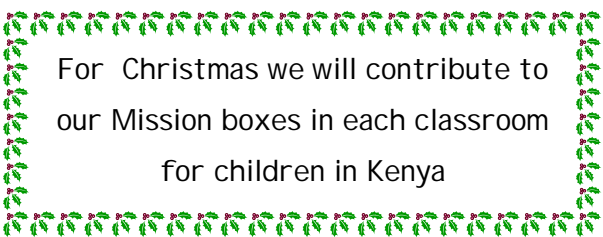
Many thanks to the Parents Association for their fundraising for school activities and for their ongoing support. Some of the money raised at the American Tea Party will cover the cost of the Drama classes for all the school this year. It will also subsidize the Gymnastics and Folk Dancing next term. Also thanks to the Parents Association for **Interactive Whiteboards** which have been installed in three Classrooms. These classes are now enjoying the benefits of these.

## Musical Events

We had a wonderful musical workshop with the **Callino Quartet** on the 16th Oct. They introduced pupils from 3rd to 6th Classes to their instruments and gave them an opportunity to make music with them. On the 12th Nov Pupils from 1st to 3rd Classes were treated to an **Irish Traditional Workshop** with Aoife Granville and Maura Walsh.

## Project winners:

Our language Support teachers and pupils were winners yet again at the Sherkin Island Environmental Project Competition.



For Christmas we will contribute to our Mission boxes in each classroom for children in Kenya



**Santa prepares for his visit to St Josephs on the 21st of December**

Scott Ziglinski was with us during **Science Week** and worked on engineering experiments with pupils from Third to Sixth Classes.

Donal O' Leary spoke about the importance of **Recycling** on the 19th Of Nov.

## Sport

Second and Third Classes went for Swimming Lessons to the Castle Hotel. Four, Fifth and Sixth Classes will go in April, May and June to Bishopstown Swimming Pool. Pupils from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes were involved in Football Training after school. When the weather improves they will continue later in the year. Pupils took part in **Cross Country Running** in the Town Park on the 21st Oct. We were sorry that we could not go to support but the weather did not permit.

## Information Technology Update



Our Computer Room is up and running again, thanks to Eli Lily Factory, in Kinsale. They donated 30 computers to the school. We really appreciate their generosity. Fourth Class are currently involved in an eTwinning Project with a school in Vienna and Budapest. This project is an online project. 5th and 6th Class Pupils were also involved in Irish Aid projects in which we used Information Technology.

## Mercy Sisters

It has recently been announced that the Sisters of Mercy will no longer be the Trustees of our Primary School and that a process has been initiated to hand over the Trusteeship to the Bishop of the Diocese. They have been involved in education since 1870 in Macroom. The Sisters presently teaching will continue to be involved in Primary Education in St. Josephs.

## Other Happenings

Fifth and Sixth Class pupils took part in the **Library Quiz** on the 25th November. Well done to the Team who participated.

The **Homework Club** is continuing each evening from Tues to Thursday.

