

# Caherelly NS December 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the year draws to a close I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all families. I hope you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas. It's been a year where we've become accustomed to dealing with the unknown and learning to live with the unexpected. Our children are coping very well given the circumstances. School has been a happy place to come to every day for pupils and staff alike. Below are some of the news points I would like to draw to your attention before we break up for the holidays. **The school will finish at 12.00 Noon on Wednesday 22 December 2021.** The bus will run at this time. School will reopen on Thursday 06th January 2022.

## Parent Association News

Our Parent Association fundraiser for school equipment will take place in school on Friday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Chairperson, Brigid Teefy, will carry out the draw. We will be live on screen in all classes for the draw so I'm sure it will be very exciting!!

Many thanks to our PA committee for organising this raffle. So much goes on behind the scenes to organise something like this. Many thanks to those who donated prizes also, you have been most generous.

Orders for School Calendars are now closed and they should be arriving to the school by the end of the week. Christmas cards have gone to homes and were beautiful!

Gymnastics classes are starting on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> for all classes. This class is part funded by the Parents Association.

## Board of Management

Recently our BOM reviewed and ratified 5 policies. They are listed below, please take the time to read through them on our school website.

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Parental Complaints Policy
- Relationships and Sexuality Policy
- Credit Card Policy

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The Agreed Report of the Board's recent meeting is also on the website under BOM for your information.

### **School Inspection**

On 14/12/2021 our school had a SSPS inspection. This is an inspection by the Department of Education of our compliance to Covid-19 protocols and Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures.

As a school we have been commended for our efforts on both. Our inspector gave high praise to the atmosphere in the school, which was warm and welcoming and the level of cleanliness and attention to detail in all areas examined. She further praised the extra measures we have put in place to ensure our pupils and staff are in as safe and happy an environment as possible.

Many thanks to all staff, our BOM, parents and most of all to our pupils who represented our school so well yesterday and every day.

Continue to be vigilant over the next week so we can get to the end of school term safely. Reminder to keep children at home if they have any symptoms etc.

**\*Please remember to supply your child with a fresh mask and a spare every day. (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>).**

### **Cake Sale**

As you are aware the Annual Cake was cancelled this year due to rising Covid 19 numbers. This caused huge disappointment for our pupils. With this in mind, we have come up with a compromise. This Friday as part of our Christmas Celebrations, 5th & 6th class will hold an outdoor cake sale, just for the pupils of the school. Each class will be brought out in their pods and given the opportunity to buy a bun or slice of cake, everything will be priced €1 and all proceeds will return to the school. If you would like to contribute some baked goods we would greatly appreciate it to ensure no one is disappointed. All donations can be dropped in on Thursday or Friday morning.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Tomorrow is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital. Children wear their Christmas Jumper (**NB not pyjamas**)

There is a €2 donation on the day.

### **Collection for those in need.**

Just as they did last year, the pupils of 5th and 6th class are organising a collection of new hats, scarves, gloves, vests and socks for those in need in Limerick. They are doing this in conjunction with Rachel O'Donoghue who is Team Leader of the Ana Liffey Project in the Midwest region, and she and her team will be responsible for the distribution of the items to those most in need. Items can be dropped into the school on or before Friday 17th December. All donations will be gratefully received and greatly appreciated.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all of our staff for their hard work and care for each other and our pupils in difficult circumstances. I would also like to thank our BOM for their continuous support during the year. Finally, to you, our parents and guardians, thank you for your understanding, respect and full support during the year. Your children are a credit to you and to our school!

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh,

Niamh McGuinness