

Primrose Hill National School

December 2019

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Advent and Christmas is certainly upon us now. The children in school have been extremely busy practicing for the Carol Service and also for the Christmas Craft Fair. We look forward to seeing you at the Carol Service on 20th December.

Christmas is certainly a very creative time of the year in schools across the country and here in Primrose Hill, it is no different. Ms. Manning's class have been busy printing and creating their own Christmas wrapping paper as part of their Aistear theme, Santa's Workshop; Mrs. Kerr's class have been creating Christmas tree decorations; and Ms. Tobin's class have taken their marbling art and used them to create tree decorations and book covers.

5th Class have had a busy month with Cycle Safety lessons and completing their Young Scientist experiment with Ms. McCarthy, "Do food colours influence our food choices?" We have seen strangely coloured milkshakes and oddly coloured cakes around the building with several other classes being asked to taste and test. 5th Class will present their experiment on 11th January 2020 at the RDS.

We have really had a very busy first term and everyone is in need of a well-earned break. It only remains for me to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association hosted a fabulous Lego Day on Sunday, 24th November which raised an impressive €290 for the playground surface. There was a super atmosphere around the school on the day and it was great to see so many creative pieces being put together by the children.

The Parents' Association will meet again in January to plan out the term of fundraising efforts. It is hoped that our big fundraiser this year will be a "Fun Run" in late Spring so we will be looking for volunteers to help organize this in the New Year.

We are always looking for fresh volunteers and fresh ideas, so please feel free to come along to any of our meetings or speak to Mrs. Bertha Kavanagh (Chairperson).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**20th December – End of Term Carol Service
11am Christ Church**

20th December – School Closes 12noon

6th January – School Opens 8.30am

**11th January – 5th Class attending Young
Scientist at the RDS**

**14th January – 5th Class attending RTE
Recording studios.**

**15th January – Staff in Service Training –
School closed for children**

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SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

This year we are making a conscious effort to be mindful of others and especially those that are less fortunate than ourselves. Our Reverse Advent Appeal has been overwhelmingly successful and a huge thank you to all who have donated food items for our hampers.

Our clothing drive in November raised €150 and our Christmas cards raised a further €275.

ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS

If anyone has children who will be ready for Junior Infants next year, can you please make sure that they are on the enrolment list.

We will begin our application process at the end of January and any child not on the list may miss out on a place for September.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Well done to all who took part in the choir for the Christmas Craft Fair held in the Celbridge Manor Hotel on Sunday, 15th December 2019. It was wonderful to hear the children in fine voice and sing out so well to entertain all the shoppers. We received some lovely compliments on the day.

CAR PARKING IN THE LITTLE GROVE

Car parking around our school remains a concern and we would ask that all parents abide with parking regulations. We are very grateful to our neighbours in the Little Grove for allowing parents to park during pick up times. However, the Board of Management would ask that this is not abused. Parking in this area is only permitting during the following times:

1.00pm – 1.30pm

2.00pm – 2.30pm

We would also ask that cars are switched off so that exhaust fumes are not being expended and creating air pollution in the area.

Another area to be mindful of is the bus bay. Parking in this area is strictly for the school bus. Any parents seen to be violating parking restrictions will be sent an official school warning prior to any reporting taking place. Frequent misuse of parking facilities will be reported to the relevant authority.

END OF TERM CAROL SERVICE

The children of 5th and 6th Class will be performing their play, "It's Chr-i-i-i-stmas" during our Carol Service on Friday, 20th December 2019 in Christ Church, Celbridge. We will also hear some recorder pieces as well as have some prayers and Bible readings to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Please note that the service will begin at 11am and we hope to finish at 12pm. All children should be collected from the church and not the school on this day.