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### **School Community Newsletter**

#### **TextaParent App**

If you have not already done so, please download the Textaparent App from the Play Store or Apple Store. It will be much cheaper for us to send messages this way.

#### **Book Fair**

Thank you to Ms. Carey for organising yet another successful book fair and to all the teachers for their work during it. Thank you to all families who supported it. We will have the figure on how much was raised at a later date.

#### **Attendance**

November: Boys 95.6% Girls 95.2%

#### **Catholic Schools**

Children from 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> will attend mass this Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The school Christmas Mass will take place on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> up will attend. All are welcome. JI-1<sup>st</sup> will visit the crib on a separate day.

#### **Football**

Thank you to Mr. Hickey for organising a challenge match for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys against Caherdavin last week. Thank you too to Ms. Quilty for helping on the evening.

#### **Charities**

As per our Charity Policy, this year we are organising a collection for St. Vincent De Paul and the Fr. Gerry Daly Christmas Collection. Each organisation would appreciate food (non-perishable), new toys and hygiene products for boys and girls. There are labelled baskets left in beside the Christmas tree in the main building. Children can drop any donations into whichever basket they wish. Participation is optional. Please send in items by Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Choir Date Change**

The school choir will sing some Christmas Carols in Athlunkard Nursing Home on Wednesday, December 13th from 3-4pm. Parents/ Guardians need to organise for their children to be there for 3pm and be collected at 4pm. Thank you to Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O'Keefe for this. Please let us know if your child is not attending. Children must wear their choir uniform.

### **Brass Band**

Thank you to Liam Daly from Limerick School of Music who recently brought in several brass instruments for the children in 4<sup>th</sup> classes to experiment with. Thank you to Ms. Parkinson for organising this.

### **Rugby**

Rugby training for boys and girls in 4th, 5th and 6th classes will commence this Thursday (7th December). For the first few weeks the children will be coached in basic skills (passing, catching, evasive running etc) on the school's astroturf pitch. It is anticipated that training sessions will re-locate to the pitches at the rear of St. Munchin's College in the New Year. The children will be coached by Ms. Curtin, Ms. Neylon, Mr. Hickey and Mr. Crowe. Thank you to these teachers for volunteering to coach the children.

### **Appointments**

Ms. Barry will replace Ms. Neville leave after Christmas. We wish Ms. Neville all the best on her maternity leave.

### **Technology**

We remind parents to continually monitor the activities of their children online. Regrettably, it is a relatively regular occurrence that we hear reports of children writing or receiving inappropriate messages on their phones or on social media websites.

### **Parent/ Guardian Communication**

Parent/ Guardian 'WhatsApp' groups have become increasingly popular in recent years. Similarly many parents/ guardians are on social media sites and communicate with each other regarding their children there - this can be great for birthday invitations, play dates etc. However, we occasionally get told of complaints being raised on such forums. We remind parents/ guardians that if they have a complaint/ issue than they should call the office to make an appointment and follow the Parental Complaints Policy on our website.

### **Fundraiser**

Once again thank you to all who organised and supported the Christmas Card Sale. €980 was raised for the astro-turf pitch.

Kind regards,

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Gerard Ruane

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