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School Community Newsletter

*The **Bookfair** starts tomorrow. Thank you to Ms. Carey for organising it. The bookfair letter was sent home and has also been added to the Newsletter Section on the website.*

*€250 has been donated to **Cystic Fibrosis** and €250 to **Milford Hospice** by last year's 6th classes from their bake sale. Thank you to Ms. Ryan and Mr. Crowe for organising this and well done to our past pupils.*

*If you wish to **enrol your child** for the 2017/2018 school year please contact Catherine for an application form. Closing date for receipt of application forms is February 1st, 2017.*

*Reminder: 1st-6th finish at 2.25pm on Monday and Tuesday November 28th and 29th as **parent teacher meetings** are on those evenings. Please adhere to the appointment given as we have 364 appointments to make and times are linked to those of siblings.*

*Christmas **Mass** will take place on Monday, December 19th at 10am.*

*This year the senior end will do some **Christmas Performances** for their families in the school hall. The details are as follows:*

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Wednesday December 21st</i>
<i>Ms. Parkinson</i>	<i>9.15</i>
<i>Ms. Curtin</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>Ms. O' Keefe</i>	<i>10.45</i>
<i>Ms. Collins</i>	<i>11.30</i>
<i>Ms. O' Donovan</i>	<i>12.45</i>

6th class will do a performance later in the year.

*Thank you to Ms. Curtin for organising the **Team Hope** Shoebox Appeal and to all the children who participated.*

*Thank you to Cllr. Crowe who organised for our water tanks to be filled during recent **water cuts**.*

*Thank you to Mr. Crowe, Ms. Curtin, Mr. Hickey, Ms. Neylon, Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Needham and Ms. Collins who have started training 4th-6th in **rugby** after school on Thursdays.*

*Well done to the **hockey team** who had a great time at the blitz in the Catholic Institute. Thank you to Ms. Ryan and Ms. O' Donovan for this and the ongoing training. They hope to have another blitz soon.*

*Thank you to Mr. Collins, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Crowe, Ms. Guckian, Ms. Needham, Ms. O' Dwyer and Ms. Neylon who have been doing **football** training. The football season is finished now.*

*We welcome **Ms. Walsh** and **Mr. Breen** to our school. We thank Mr. McGrath for his work during the short-time he was here – he is now working in Lisnagry full-time. Ms. Walsh is taking over Mr.*

McGrath's support caseload and Mr. Breen is taking over Ms. O' Rourke's caseload. Congratulations to Ms. Gallagher who is replacing Ms. O' Dwyer who is on maternity leave.

Congratulations to Ms. O' Dwyer who had a baby girl recently!

€480 was raised from the Colours Day before Halloween. This is going towards the cost of the astro-turf pitch.

Reminder: We accept pupils at 8.50am. Please do not drop children before that time. There is no access to the school before 8.50am. The Morning Club is available from 8am – contact Derek on 0868877909. The following note is in the 'Reminders for Parents' and homework journals:

As you know, school starts at 9am. Teachers start work at 9am and if their cars are outside the school before this time they are in school of their own accord to prepare for the day. We appreciate however that all pupils can't arrive at exactly 9am. Therefore we will accept children from 8.50am. Children should not arrive before that time. Children must line up in the yard. If it is raining, children will be taken inside the main building at 8.50am. This is not playtime. They will be supervised from 8.50am.

Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane

Mairéad Guckian