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## December 2020 Newsletter (11/12/2020)

### Glór

We have purchased a viewing of a Christmas Show for each class through Glór in Ennis. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class have theirs today and JI - 4<sup>th</sup> have theirs on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Catherine and Ms Needham for organising this.

### Colours Day

Children can dress up for Christmas on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. As per previous Newsletters, we are collecting €10 for all the Colour Days via epayments. Thank you to those who have paid this.

### Student Council

We are setting up a Student Council in the school. Ms Barry's 5<sup>th</sup> class have been given the task of researching the role of a student council, how it should be set up, who should be on it, what it should do etc. They are going to do a Zoom meeting with another school as part of their research. They will present their report to us before Christmas and we will progress this in the new school year.

### Covid Caution

**We urge you to continue to take Covid-19 seriously.** We know that in the NPHE Daily reports cases in Limerick are high. With the easing of restrictions, it appears inevitable case numbers will rise. Therefore, the risk of Covid coming into our school is increasing. Note:

**Face masks are compulsory on the school grounds.** We have had to ask a number of adults recently to put on masks.

**We notice that a significant number of people standing outside the school gates are not wearing masks while in proximity to each other. Public Health Advice is to wear masks in busy streets and we deem outside the school gate a busy area.**

Nobody is allowed enter the school building without prior appointment – we have had a number of parents go directly into the building. **You should arrange with Catherine the collection of your child through [parteenoffice@gmail.com](mailto:parteenoffice@gmail.com) and wait outside the relevant door:**

Door 1: JI and 1<sup>st</sup> and Ms. Coughlan's 2<sup>nd</sup>

Door 2: SI and Ms. Needham's 2<sup>nd</sup>

Door 4: 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Quilty's 4<sup>th</sup>

Door 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ms. Collins 4<sup>th</sup>

Location of Doors:

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Map-of-school.pdf>

### **Christmas Shows**

Sincere thanks to teachers in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> who are preparing the children for their Christmas Shows. They will be available on Google Classroom on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm.

### **Nursing Homes**

Thank you to Ms. Coughlan for organising cards, letters and pictures to be sent to local nursing homes. Well done to all the children and thank you to the teachers who participated.

### **Early Closing**

We close for the Christmas Holidays on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. To allow for social distancing, we will release classes as follows:

J1/SI: 11.50 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:12.00 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: 12.15 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup>:12.30. If you have children in several classes, select the time that suits you best.

### **Road Safety**

There are a number of families double parking in the drop-off zone at the front of the school and watching their children in the line. This week this stopped other families from dropping off their children safely. The front of the school is a drop and go area. The church carpark can be used to park your car.

### **Rugby 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> have completed their rugby training. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will start on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and it will run for 6 weeks.

### **Athletics**

Thank you to Ms O' Keeffe, Ms O' Donovan, Ms Gallagher and Louise for giving up their time to run athletics training. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class will be offered some after-school athletics training in the New Year and you will be notified via Google Classroom.

### **Go Raibh Maith Agat**

Today is a national thank you day to our school communities for their work in reopening our school. We sincerely thank all the teachers, special needs assistants, cleaners, caretaker, secretary, Parents Association and Board of Management for all their work on implementing the Response Plan for Reopening Our School.

### **Christmas Wishes**

We hope that you have a happy and safe Christmas.

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Ger and Mairéad