

St. Conaire's Newsletter – December 10th, 2020

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Enrolment of new Junior Infants for September 2021: St. Conaire's NS is now accepting enrolment applications for new Juniors who wish to start school in September 2021. Application forms are available from the school office or the school website.



Christmas Raffles 2020: Our special education teachers are organising a Christmas raffle this year with some lovely hampers being put up as prizes. Tickets are now on sale each morning in the school and the prices are as follows:

€2 for 1 strip, €5 for 3 strips and €10 for seven strips.

All funds raised will go towards the purchase of educational equipment.

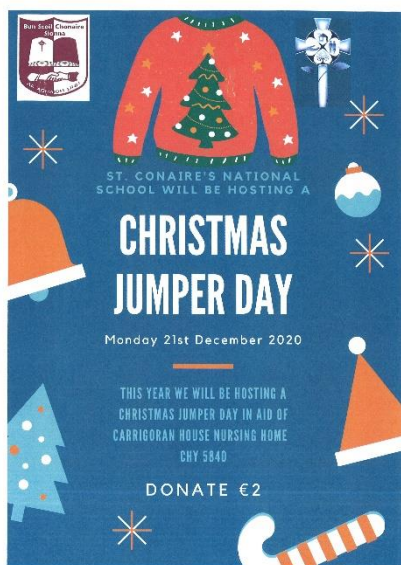
Agreed Report from the Board of Management, December 1st, 2020:

- The Board of Management is working with the Department of Education and Skills in relation to the provision of a special class and associated facilities as well as new rooms for special education. It is hoped to have an announcement in the early spring of 2021.
- Wi-Fi coverage: The Board of Management has agreed to install upgraded Wi-Fi in the school over the coming weeks. This will include new access points around the school and will enhance coverage.
- Focus on wellbeing: The Board of Management recognises the efforts of all school staff in relation to wellbeing during the current pandemic. This is reflected in how staff and children have adapted to altered teaching and learning conditions in place currently.
- Although there are no Christmas plays this year owing Covid-19 restrictions, the Board notes that staff are making alternative arrangements to ensure the pupils have an enjoyable run-up to the Christmas holidays.

Glór online performances: The Board of Management is treating all classes to special online performances in the coming week. Juniors to 2nd classes will see *Rockin' Christmas Rhymes* on Tuesday, December 15th and the 3rd to 6th classes will see Livin' Dred's *A Christmas Carol* this Friday, December 11th.

Visitors to the school: In the interests of safety, all callers to the school are asked to wait at the main front door by Theresa's office when collecting children during the school day. Theresa will get you son/daughter for you and will sign them out. Please ring (061) 364694 in advance of collecting children for an appointment or early leaving for home. This procedure is in line with our Covid-19 protocols and is in the interest of everyone's safety. Thank you for your co-operation.

(Please see below)



Jumpers for Carrigoran: Carrigoran House Nursing Home are running a Christmas Jumper Competition this year. St. Conaire's will be taking part and all pupils are invited to design their own jumpers for Monday, December 21st. Every pupil and staff member taking part is asked to donate €2 which will go to support the great work done by all in Carrigoran.

Junior Infant Hearing and Vision Tests: The remainder of the Junior Infant hearing and vision tests will take place on December 18th and December 21st.

Free flu vaccines: A local pharmacy has been in touch to say that free flu vaccines for children up to age 12 are still available. Please contact your local pharmacy if interested.

Credit Union Art Winners: Congratulations to Lucy O'Brien (3rd) and Naomi Smyth (6th) who came first in their respective categories at the next stage of the Credit Union Art Competition. Well done, girls!

Scarecrow winner: Congratulations to Ms. White and her students who created a scarecrow from scratch out of recyclable materials for the Bunratty Folk Park Competition. Their entry was put on display at the castle recently. Well done to all involved!

Supermacs Art Competition Winner: Ms. Faherty's 4th class had a winner in the recent Supermacs art competition. The class were treated to pizzas courtesy of the efforts of Craig Vincent who won the competition.

Sacraments: Pupils in 2nd class have now registered for First Holy Communion in 2021. If you have not yet done so, please contact the school and we will email a form out to you.

Christmas Cheer from 5th & 6th Classes: Pupils in our 5th and 6th classes are creating special cards for sending to the patients and staff of Ennis Hospital. Many thanks to their teachers for organising this lovely gesture.

Visits to church: 2nd and 6th classes have visited Ss. John & Paul Church in preparation for Christmas. Many thanks to our sacristan, Michelle Justice, for facilitating these visits.

Christmas Holidays 2020: St. Conaire's NS will close at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 22nd for the Christmas Holidays. The school will re-open for the new term on Wednesday, January 6th, 2021.

Safety Notice: ESB Networks will be working in the area around the school in the coming days. This work will take place at the rear of the school and along Tullyvarraga Road towards the front of the school. We ask everyone coming to the school to take care when the work crews are in the area. Additional information will be sent out on Aladdin when the works are due to start.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walsh
Principal Teacher