



### Healthy School Co-ordinator

#### Healthy Breakfast for all Parents

Speaker from HSE Health Promotion

Info on training 4 parents

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

in Senior School's library

9.20a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Healthy bites provided. All welcome!



Anca Lupu, Healthy School Co-ordinator 087 1264537

#### Library News!

We have very close links with our local library in The Square complex. The library offers a wide range of facilities, books, DVDs, use of computers also activities for children. The staff are extremely friendly, supportive and keen to keep this contact with the school. It would be of great benefit to your child's education if you visit the library regularly. Membership is free! Opening hours are as follows:

Closed Saturdays and Mondays of Bank Holiday Weekends

- Mon: 9.45 - 8.00
- Tues: 9.45 - 8.00
- Wed: 9.45 - 8.00
- Thurs: 9.45 - 8.00
- Fri: 9.45 - 4.30
- Sat: 9.45 - 4.30



Please use the Tesco exit from The Square and follow the pedestrian walkway to the Library.

Martin Morris  
Principal

#### MOBILE PHONE REMINDER

We ask you kindly to switch off your mobile phone for the duration of all meetings with school staff.



#### Donation of Bottoms



We would welcome any donation of spare clean tracksuit bottoms or trousers in good condition, as from time to time some children might need to change.



# Newsletter Croí Ró Naofa J.N.S

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Nov / Dec'11

#### Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have 6 busy weeks up to Christmas. The staff and I look forward to your continued support during these weeks especially with your child's attendance and homework. The very important Parent/Teacher meeting will take place for senior infants, 1st and 2nd classes. You are all very welcome to join us later on at our advent and carol services and at our Christmas concert.

#### SCHOOL CLOSURES & HOLIDAY DATES

<u>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:</u>	<u>Christmas Holidays</u>	School closes at 12.15
<u>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January :</u>	<u>New Term</u>	School re-opens at 9.00 am

#### Parent / Teacher Meetings

Senior Infants : Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd Nov.

First Class: Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.

Second Class: Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.

Parent/Teacher meetings for all of the above listed classes will take place over the two day period of Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd November. Senior infants will go home at their normal time of 1.40 p.m. on both days. First and Second classes will go home at 2.25p.m. on both days. You will receive an individual note from your child's class teacher with the date and time of your meeting. Please make a huge effort to attend. The meeting is a wonderful opportunity for you and the teacher to share information in your child's best interest.

#### Advent Services

The dates and times for Advent services are as follows:

<u>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</u>	Junior & Senior
<u>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	Infants at 10.50
<u>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> classes at 11.10

The fourth and final service will take place in the Church on : Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.55am as part of the Carol Service. You are very welcome to join us at any or all of our services. They are a real insight to the true meaning of Christmas.

#### Carol Service



Our second classes will produce the story of the Nativity with narration, mime and song:  
in the Church at 10.55a.m.  
on Tuesday 21st December

All the children and staff will be there. You are all welcome to join us.



#### Christmas Concert & Raffle



Practice is starting for our Christmas Concert this year. As you are aware the concert takes place every 2nd year. We are looking forward to putting on a wonderful show on:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
at 9.45 in the School Hall

ENTRY: €5.00 per Adult - €3.00 per child €10.00 per family of 3.

Our raffle will take place at the concert. Raffle tickets will go on sale in early December. If you or your company would like to donate an item to the raffle we would be most grateful. Raffle tickets 50cent each or 5 for €2.00



### Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Children

Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Children ( 2nd class children) will take place on

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
at 12.00 Mass

Parents meeting in the church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6.45 p.m. to discuss First Holy Communion preparation for next year.

### Early Collection

Please do not remove your child from school before closing time except in an emergency. When collected before closing time a child must be signed out by an adult and the reason for early collection must be given. A note signed by a legal parent/ guardian is required when a child is being collected by a person under 18 years of age. This is in the interest of your child's safety.



### Home / School / Community

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First of all a big thank you to all the parents who are volunteering to help out in the Breakfast Club and to the Early Start parents, Sarah & David McCowen who donated a crate of very suitable toys to the Parents' Room.

Courses running at present:  
Art - Tuesday 9.30 - 11.00  
Yoga - Friday 9.30 - 11.00



*Maths 4 Fun* in 2nd class will be starting shortly as well as Parent & Child Cookery in 1st class



Last but not least!. I wonder do many of you remember the fun we had at the last Christmas Concert? Well if you would like to take part in this years "Parents Act" please let me know..... Lots of laughs guaranteed. Thanks everyone for all your help and support.



Annual Book Fair  
Don't forget our annual book fair will take place from: 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December



in the school hall each morning from 9.00a.m - 10.00a.m

Caitriona Boyle—HSCL



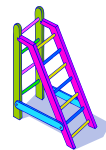
### Early Start



Our 'Parents in the Classroom Programme' is up and running. There are still some dates available so if you haven't signed up yet, please do.



The first Early Start trip to "The Playbarn" will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November (Morning Group) and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November (Afternoon Group).



Looking forward to a great day out!

Early Start Team

### CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS AND LETTERS TO SANTA

Children will soon write their letters to Santa. It might be an idea to encourage them to ask for a board game. Board games are wonderful value for money as they are easy to store, can be played by almost all family members young and old alike, give great entertainment and fun, while also learning teach children about fairness, sharing, turn taking, obeying rules, improve problem solving skills, reasoning, memory and vocabulary (many of them) strengthen reading and number skills.

We recommend the following games all of which can be bought from either Smyths or the Early Learning Centre. Both Smyths and the Early Learning Centre have websites that are worth checking out. The Early Learning Centre website is particularly good as it gives you a description of each game, the age group it is most suitable for and the cost. You can also sort the games into best selling/ top rated/ lowest price/ highest price.

#### Available Board Games suitable for our children:



Snakes & Ladders, Greedy Gorilla, Bingo, Drafts, Ludo, Connect 4, Shopping List, Head Bandz, Lotto, Guess Who? Spotty Dog/ Lady Bug, Charades for Kids, Snap, Opposites, Misfit, Boggle, Drafts, Twister, Noughts & Crosses, Fishing Game, Frustration, Operation, Scrabble, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Jenga, Guess Who?, Catch Me if You Can, Monopoly, Pictureka.

#### Croke Park Hour/School Planning:

There is no official one-day closure this year for School Development Planning. Planning needs are being facilitated under the Croke Park Agreement. Teachers are working from 2.40 to 3.40 every Thursday. We will work an extra 36 hours during the school year. Teachers have focussed on planning issues, such as literacy, and numeracy, meet as class groupings, received support/input from our school psychologist Niamh Ní Aogáin, begun First Communion preparations and will have epilepsy awareness training.



#### Green School Corner

*This year we are going for our Water Flag! We hope to have our flag awarded by June. Our tip of the month: Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth!!*

*Don't forget we are still recycling old phones and now we are recycling batteries.*



Exchange your old mobile phones for life-saving defibrillator equipment

**Fones4Life**

This year we are collecting old mobile phones to get a defibrillator for our school. We also need to train people to operate the defibrillator as well. So please donate your old mobile phones and help us reach our target.

**Collect 360 Phones and you get**



**OR**  
Irish Heart Foundation Training for 6 People