



Christmas in St. Tierney's



Please read through the following information to keep up to date with all that is happening between now and Christmas.

As we begin the season of advent and look forward to the Christmas celebrations, we would like to thank Father Chester for hosting our school Carol Service in the chapel on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm. We will walk to the chapel for practices on Tuesday and Friday of next week during school hours. Father would like to use this occasion to invite families to celebrate the tradition of the Blessing of the Bambinelli.



Families are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their Nativity scenes at home to the church with them on the night of the Carol Service when they will receive a special blessing.

This Advent tradition is a lovely way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas and the church

Fr Chester has also invited pupils from our school to provide the music for the 6.00pm mass in St. Tierney's Church on Christmas Eve. They will be accompanied by Pat on the organ and will sing hymns that are already familiar to them. We will facilitate practice for this in school before the holidays so please let us know if your child can attend.



Other Christmas Reminders:

There is a lovely atmosphere in school already with carol singing, decorations, Christmas trees and of course the Naughty Elves making their arrival.

Friday 2nd December: Sustrans Walk to School – Be bright be seen! Bright coats, Hi Viz and Christmas Hats please. Meeting at McCagues between 8.30am and 8.40am

School Christmas Card:

Any child that would like to enter the competition to design our school Christmas Card should complete their artwork and submit it on Monday 5th December.

Monday 5th December: Tickets for the children's Christmas Draw on sale. Thanks to staff and family members who have donated prizes. Tickets are 50p a strip or 3 for £1.00. All pupils will receive a free strip of tickets each.

Lines will also be sent home for the family/community draw and again thanks once again for your support and to anyone who has donated prizes.

Both draws will take place in school on Tuesday 20th December.

Thursday 8th December: Open morning for prospective parents and pupils.

Panto for P1-5 on **Monday the 12th December** and for P6-7 on **Tuesday the 13th December**. Full uniform and packed lunch required. Pick up at school at 3.45pm

Thursday 15th December – P7 to sing at the Senior Citizens Christmas dinner.

Friday 16th – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day with a few surprise visitors.

Christmas Charity Collection -

We have St. Vincent de Paul food hamper collections in school. Christmas hampers usually include non perishable items and other treats to be enjoyed over the festive season, such as mince pies, Christmas pudding, chocolate, biscuits, crackers, fudge, nuts, jam, juice, shloer etc.

The P2/3 class are also helping our Classroom Assistant Diana in her Christmas homeless appeal by bringing in items to make some shoe boxes for the homeless in Ireland with items such as hats, scarves, gloves, tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, treats, pen and paper with a stamped envelope. They will also be collecting warm coats if you have any to donate. They must be in excellent condition.

Wednesday 21st – School closes at 12pm for Christmas holidays – no dinners or school milk on this day. **SCHOOL REOPENS FOR PUPILS ON THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY 2023.**

We are so appreciative of all your support and teaching staff would like to stress that we do not expect any Christmas gifts. Your on going support for the school and our fundraising efforts is more than enough.