



School News – December 2017

This year we have decided to arrange two separate Carol Services, one for the younger pupils and one for the senior pupils. In recent years, when we have held the school Carol Service in the church, it has been very crowded for parents and families. Therefore we plan on doing the following:



JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE – Monday December 18th at 1.15pm

Pupils in Junior Infants / Senior Infants / First Class

Parents are invited to come along to the school on Monday, Dec 18th at 1.15pm.

The carol service will take about 30-40mins.

SENIOR CAROL SERVICE – Wednesday December 20th at 7.30pm

Pupils in 2nd – 6th classes

Parents are invited to the church at 7.30pm on Wednesday, Dec 20th for this celebration of Christmas Carols.



Saint Vincent de Paul Food Appeal

People who are attending the carol services and would like to contribute to a food collection for St Vincent de Paul, can bring along some non-perishable foodstuffs and we will forward them on to the local branch of St Vincent de Paul. We will have containers in the school for this collection over the next three weeks so that pupils can bring in food donations any day.



CHRISTMAS COSTUMES FOR CHILDREN

If any family has Nativity costumes for small children that they may not be using any more we would be delighted to accept them for our school. Costumes for Mary, Joseph, Wise Kings, and Shepherds would be especially useful. We hope to build up a supply of costumes for Carol Services, Nativity Plays, etc.



New School Extension Project

Thank you all for your patience and support during the construction of our large school extension. The builders are making excellent progress and are hopeful that the new 7 classroom extension and the refurbishment of the existing school building will be fully completed by the end 2018.



Pupils' Raffle for Drogheda Homeless Aid

At this time of the year we normally organise a raffle for the pupils with all proceeds donated to Drogheda Homeless Aid. Tickets are only 20cents each and they are on sale now. Prizes of selection boxes will be presented just before the school closes for Christmas.

REMINDER: OUR SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THURS, DEC 14th FOR TEACHER TRAINING ON A NEW LANGUAGE CURRICULUM IN ENGLISH & IRISH.



Christmas Annuals

Folens Christmas Annuals are now available for sale in the school office. They are €4 each.



Village Christmas Tree

The annual lighting of the Christmas Tree at the bridge in the village of Termonfeckin will take place on Sunday, Dec 10th at 4.30pm.

Everyone welcome.



Santa's Visit

Santa has been in touch with the school to arrange his visit to see the children this year. He says that he will have a few hours to spare on the morning of the last day of term, Friday, December 22nd. He is very much looking forward to meeting all of the children in our school and dropping in to their classrooms to have a word with their teachers. Santa hopes to be with us from 10am that morning.



Christmas Show for Infant Classes

Over the last few years we have taken the pupils in the Junior Infants and Senior Infant Classes to a special Christmas show in Drogheda's Barbican Theatre. This year the show is called **Rudolf Saves Christmas – The Musical** and is produced by the Talisman Theatre Company. The show is on at 10am on Dec 20th and the cost per child is €10 to include show ticket and coach hire. Children come to school as usual on that day.



The Parents Association would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support for the **Five Week Draw** which is currently ongoing.

Congratulations to the winners so far:

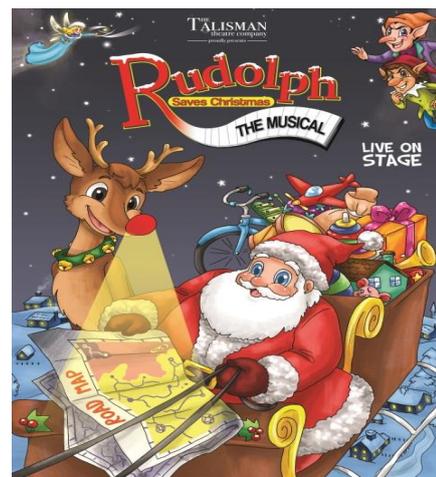
Week 1: Julie Thorne €100 / Mark Clifford (JI) €20

Week 2: Jackie Pope €100 / Johnny Rooney (JI) €20

Week 3: Martin Kelly €100 / Tony Kelly (SI) €20

In the new year the Parents Association are inviting a parent representative from each class group to nominate themselves to ensure that there is a greater representation of parents on the committee.

Finally, many thanks to the members of the PA Committee who do such wonderful work on behalf of the parents and pupils in our school. This support is very much appreciated by everyone.



Christmas Holidays

The school will close for the Christmas Holidays on Fri., December 22nd and re-open Jan. 8th.

To minimize traffic congestion around the school on Dec.22nd -

Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class pupils can be collected at 12.15pm on that day.

All other classes will finish at 12.30pm.