



*A beautiful Christmas Tree Village created by Ms Cartmill's Junior Infants*

## School News – Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

- Two more **Festive Fridays** left in 2020 – December 11<sup>th</sup> & December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Pupils will be getting their Christmas holidays on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - ✓ Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes will be leaving the school at 12.20pm.
  - ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes will leave at 12.30pm



*Junior Infants Christmas Tree - Mrs McGuinness' Class*

- The pupils in Junior Infants, Senior Infants & First Class will post their letters to Santa on this Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The children will be taken up to the village post office in their class groups to drop their letters into **Santa's Special Post Box**.
- Santa's will be making his annual visit to the school on Friday next December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Parents Association who always make sure that Santa has a present for each child on that day.

- End of Year Zoom Assembly will take place on Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Raffle prizes for the Children's Raffle will be presented at the Assembly. The Family Raffle will also take place on that morning.
- Our special charities this Christmas are -
  - ✓ Drogheda Homeless Aid
  - ✓ Gary Kelly Centre
  - ✓ Dublin Zoo
  - ✓ St Vincent de Paul

### Family Raffle

Proceeds from the Family Raffle will go to St Vincent de Paul. If you want to contribute to the Family Raffle, please put €5 (or more if you wish) in an envelope with your name and phone number on the outside and you will be in the draw for a picture of Port Oriel kindly donated by *Eimhear Collins Photography*.

### Pupils' Raffle

The children will have a chance to win Christmas Selection Boxes by buying raffle tickets at 20 cents each over the next two weeks.



### Festive Friday Donations

All money collected over the three Festive Fridays in December will be donated to the Gary Kelly Centre, Drogheda Homeless Aid & Dublin Zoo. We are donating to Dublin Zoo for the first time this year following a request by the pupils to support the zoo.

▪ **Christmas Cards**

We would appreciate if the pupils did not share Christmas Cards with their friends in school this year as these are passed around in class and are also given to pupils in other class groups. I'm sure you can understand our concerns and hope that the children are not too disappointed that they can't exchange cards in school this year.

▪ **Christmas Nativity & Carols**

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a Carol Service or Christmas Concert this year. Instead, over the next two weeks, we will be making outdoor recordings of each class group singing Christmas carols and narrating the story of the Nativity and we hope to put these recordings together on video and sent it home for families to enjoy.



*A hand knotted Mary & Joseph by Mrs Derry Brannigan – a special present for Mrs McCluskey's Senior Infants.*

▪ **Christmas Annuals**

When the Christmas Annuals arrive at the school we will need to quarantine them for a few days before they are distributed to the pupils who have ordered them.

▪ **Scoil Naomh Feichin "Bags for Life"**

You may remember that the Parents Association came up with a great idea earlier this term – each class group decorated their own *Bag for Life* with drawings of themselves. We're all looking forward to receiving those bags from the manufacturers very soon. They will be a brilliant souvenir for the pupils to have in years to come.

▪ **Confirmation for Class of 2019/20**

Congratulations to all of the 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils from last year who received the sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. Fr Paul officiated over the three ceremonies held on Saturday and Sunday and it was great to see our former pupils again on their special day.



▪ **Termonfeckin Goal Mile**

Don't forget the Termonfeckin Goal Mile this year !!

The Termonfeckin GOAL Mile normally takes place on the 26th December. Unfortunately this year due to COVID-19 restrictions it cannot take place in the normal manner. GOAL are asking families to do their own GOAL mile between the 24th and 26th December. Donations to GOAL to help the poorest of the poor can be made to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/termonfeckin-goalmile>. Also pictures of you and your families/friends doing the GOAL mile can be shared on the Termonfeckin GOAL mile facebook page. More information available at [Virtual GOAL Mile - GOAL Global](#). Run apart and stand together!



▪ **Texaco Art Award for Ellie**

And finally, we were really delighted to see the beautiful artwork of little Ellie Martin (Senior Infants) when she brought her award winning picture in to school this week. Ellie was recently awarded a Certificate of Commendation in this year's Texaco Children's Art Competition. And Ellie isn't the only talented artist in the Martin family as Ellie's older sister, Lauren (6<sup>th</sup> class) was also a prize winner in this national competition in 2019. Two very talented girls indeed !!!!

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