



CUSHINSTOWN
NATIONAL SCHOOL



Newsletter December 2021

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of what has been a challenging year for many people, we wish to thank you all for your continued support this year. The priority at all times is the safety and wellbeing of all in our school community. We do need to remain vigilant and continue to implement the guidelines with your support for the foreseeable future.

Christmas Annuals: All pupils received Christmas Annuals last week. Thank you to the Parents Association and the Board of Management who kindly sponsored these for the children. The children also enjoyed a lovely message from Santa on Zoom. (Thanks to Ms. Whelan for this lovely idea.)

Christmas Jumper Day: The school will hold a Christmas Jumper Day tomorrow Friday 17th December in aid of Father Seán Devereux's Gambia Schools. All donations would be greatly appreciated for the purchase of school stationery and supplies for these schools.

GAA Skills: Thank you to our GAA volunteers from our community and from our school staff (Ms. Flynn, Ms. Whelan and Declan Cullen) for their lunchtime skills coaching. The children who trained really enjoyed the experience.

Parking: Parking remains a concern with a report of a health and safety concern one morning this week. I urge all parents/grandparents/minders to please take care when parking to leave room for the children to walk on the footpath to ensure the safety of all arriving and departing from schools.

School Chromebooks: The school has purchased a set of Chromebooks for use in each class. The children in Second Class began to use them for Maths today. Thanks to Ms. Amy Flynn for all her work in getting the Google accounts and devices organised for the classes.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Parent Teacher Meetings will take place by telephone from 14-18th February 2021.

Best of Luck: We wish our sixth-class boys who are competing in the South East Rugby League final on Saturday the best of luck from all in Cushinstown NS.

Christmas Holidays: The school will close for Christmas holidays on Wednesday December 22nd at 12.00pm. Buses will leave at 11.50am. Junior Infants to Second Class and their siblings may be collected from 11.45am. The school will re-open on Thursday January 6th, 2022.

Sunroom Seasonal Outings: Our Sunroom enjoyed two lovely trips to Rathwood and Wheelocks recently. We thank Ms. Miley and her team for all their hard work to date this year.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and every good wish for 2022.

Yours Sincerely,

Carol O'Reilly (Principal)