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5th December 2023.

Dear Parents,

I would like to draw your attention to the following information:

School Closures.

The school will be closed on Monday the 11th of December for staff to attend Department of Education led training for the new Maths curriculum.

Parent Association Christmas Raffle.

The Parents' Association has been busy for some time organising the annual raffle. Raffle cards will be distributed to the children this week. Please support this draw as best you can as all funds raised are spent directly on developing aspects of the school which are excluded from Department funding. The Christmas draw takes place in the school on Friday 22nd of December from 11.00am. The draw will be preceded by a seasonal sing-along with the children. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Christmas Art Fair.

On **Tuesday evening the 19th of December** we will host a special Christmas Art Fair here in the school from **6.00pm to 8.00pm**. Parents, family members and all members of the community are invited to the school to visit the classrooms to see the wonderful Christmas Artwork produced by the children. There will be many other Christmas attractions on the night including carol singing, Christmas stalls, bake sale and refreshments. Don't forget to bring small change for the various activities/purchases. Please keep the date free and we are looking forward to seeing you all on the night.



Christmas Fundraising.

This year our Christmas fundraising is going to take place on the evening of our Art Fair. It will consist of our annual Bake Sale with 5th and 6th classes, carol singing and some other fun activities. Our chosen charity this year is **Meath Palliative Care**. The Palliative Care Service is a dedicated team of specially trained nurses and carers who provide different forms of support to those people in their care. The Meath Specialist Palliative Care Team is a community Team that visits and supports patients in their home when they have complex symptoms or are approaching the end of their lives.

Christmas Plays.

Some of our teachers are preparing Christmas plays with their classes. See below details of dates and times of shows.

Junior Infants: The Nativity	Tues 19 th December at 10.30
Senior Infants: Born in a Barn	Mon 18 th December at 11.15
2nd class: The Christmas Countdown	Wed 20 th Dec at 10.00am
4th class: Jesus' Christmas Party	Wed 20 th Dec at 11.15am
6th class: Superstar	Wed 20 th Dec at 1.30pm



Christmas Carol Singing.

Our 5th & 6th classes will be carol singing outside SuperValu Trim on Friday 15th December from 2.00pm to 3.30pm.



Folens Christmas Annuals.

The Folens Christmas Annuals are now available to purchase at a cost of €4.00. A payment link is available on Aladdin and will expire on Thursday 14th December. You will not be able to purchase annuals after this date.

Christmas gifts for teachers.

I know that some parents at this particular time of the year feel inclined to purchase small gifts for teachers as a means of thanking them for their hard work. There is a lot of financial pressure on parents at Christmas time and so I would like you to know that a simple note or Christmas card is thanks enough.

Christmas Holidays.

School closes on Friday 22nd of December at 11.45am for the Christmas Holidays. The school re-opens on Monday 8th January 2024. The children may wear festive Christmas jumpers/cardigans/Santa hats on our last day.



Parent Association Fundraising.

Many thanks to our Parents' Association and to Mrs. Ciara Eivers who hosted 2 very successful Beauty Masterclass evenings here in the school a few weeks ago.

Fr Warren Collier / Fr John Kennedy.

Over the last couple of weeks, we heard the very disappointing news that Fr. Warren would be leaving us to take up a new position in another parish. On behalf of all the staff and the children here in the school I would like to wish him well in his new parish and to thank him sincerely for all of his supportive visits, his help with the preparation of children for the various sacraments and for the interest he took in the school as a whole. He will be missed by us all. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fr. John Kennedy who will take over Fr. Warren's role in the school and the parish. Fr. Kennedy previously served in Rathmolyon.

Cross Country Championships.

Well done to our boys and girls who participated in the Cross County Championships in Fairyhouse on the 22nd of November. Congratulations to our boys team who placed 3rd in the Under 11 competition. A special thanks to Mrs. Dobie for organising and preparing the children for this event.



Peadar Ó Líatháin Gaelic Football Tournament.

Congratulations to our 3rd and 4th class girls who won this year's Peadar Lehane Gaelic Football competition with a resounding victory over Dangan N.S. last Tuesday. Many thanks to Ms. Howard and Ms. Mullen for all their help with looking after and coaching the team. In the Boys Final, Kildalkey defeated Dangan N.S. in a thrilling encounter.



HSE Public Health update.

The HSE have asked all schools to advise parents of the following information in relation to the significant rise in RSV/Bronchiolitis infections in young children (<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/>), a common winter viral infection which is of particular concern for babies. Please see the relevant attachment for further information.

Credit Union Money Club.

A member of the Credit Union is visiting the school on Tuesday the 12th of December to lodge money from children to their savings account if they so wish.



Enrolment for 2024/2025 School Year.

Enrolments are now being taken for Junior Infants for the **2024/2025** school year. Enrolment Forms can be downloaded from our school website www.boardsmillns.com. The closing date for receipt of completed enrolment forms is **Friday 26th of January 2024**. Our Annual Admissions notice is also available to view on our school website.

**Sundries Arts/Crafts Payments.**

Thank you to all who have paid this year's Arts/Crafts and Sundries fees. I would appreciate it if any outstanding payments could be made as soon as possible. A Payments Link will be sent out again this week.

- 1 child = €50.00
- 2 children = €90.00
- 3 children = €120.00
- 4 children = €140.00
- 5 children = €150.00

**Absence Slips.**

Can you please ensure to complete the 'Return to Education Facility Form' if your child has been out sick and returning to school. This can be found on our school website www.boardsmillns.com under Parent Information, Absence Slip. It is the only absence slip being accepted by the school.

Website.

Please don't forget to view our school website at www.boardsmillns.com for up-to-date information on school initiatives.

Yours sincerely,

James Battersby

Mr. James Battersby (Principal)