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**Dates for your Diaries:**

❖ **Bring & Buy Sale**

Our annual sale in aid of St.Vincent de Paul takes place tomorrow Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Items which the children wish to sell can be brought into school in the morning.

Tickets for a raffle are also being sold. A strip of five tickets costs €1. The raffle takes place during the Bring and Buy sale.

❖ **Nativity Play**

The School Nativity Play takes place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in Raheen Church.

❖ **Christmas Party Organised by Parents' Council**

The annual Christmas Party for the children takes place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

❖ **Christmas Holidays.**

The School will close at 12.30pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for the Christmas Holidays. We return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

❖ **Swimming Lessons.**

Swimming lessons for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes commence in Portarlinton Swimming Pool on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January for six weeks. The cost per lesson is €3.50 per child. The bus costs will be covered by the Board of Management and the Parents' Council.

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

Thanks to everyone for participating so constructively in our meetings last week.

**Parents' Council**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent clothes collection. €460 euro was raised for the Parents' Council. The role of the Parents' Council is to work with the school for the benefit of all the children. Our council helps raise funds towards the cost of swimming, buses, medals and a Confirmation retreat for 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils. It also organises the Christmas party for the children as well as helping with our Open Day.

**Active School**

We are continuing with our Active School work this year. Our lunchtime basketball league was very enjoyable and ended with a really competitive final.

Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class are having a fun time on Wednesday at their golf workshops. As well as having fun they are learning that golf helps to improve balance, posture, co-ordination and motor control.

As I'm sure you have noticed, all classes are doing active homework for December. Keep encouraging your children to do a variety of suggested activities each day.

**Christmas Cards**

Thanks to everyone who bought the Christmas cards recently. The children's lovely work and your generosity helped raise € 438 euro for the school.

**Website**

Keep an eye on our website for information & pictures from our classes. Also, all important dates are marked on the calendar section of the site

Yours Sincerely,

Micheál Hyland  
Principal