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Dear Parents,

Christmas Play:

We are delighted to be able to hold our Christmas Play in Raheen Church this year, the first time since Christmas 2019. It will take place on Monday 19th December at 7pm. All the classes are working hard getting ready and we look forward to seeing you all on the 19th.

St. Vincent de Paul Fundraising:

Over the last number of years we, as a school community, have raised a substantial amount of money each Christmas for our local St. Vincent de Paul. This year we hope to do the same again in two ways.

First, our Student Council has proposed that pupils wear Christmas jumpers from Monday 12th December right up to the holidays (if you wish) and pay a small donation towards St Vincent de Paul for doing so.

We are also going to show The 2022 Helix Pantomime, Hansel & Gretel to all classes before the Christmas holidays. There is no cost to the children for this. Instead, if you wish, they can bring a money donation which will also be given to St. Vincent de Paul before Christmas. This worked really well last year and I know the pantomime was enjoyed by all classes.

Each teacher will make their own arrangements for showing the pantomime and they will let you know these through Class Dojo.

Christmas Holidays:

A reminder that the school will close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 21st December at 12.30pm. We reopen on Thursday, 5th January.

Homework:

This week will be the last week of homework before Christmas. All classes have been working so hard since September that I think it's only fair to reward them in this way. I have been very impressed with what I have seen and heard in all the classrooms so far this term. Above all the countless examples of friendship and kindness on display make me doubly sure the pupils deserve this treat. Hopefully this will give you all an opportunity to enjoy the lead up to Christmas a little more also.

Enrolment for 2023/24:

The enrolment process for 2023/24 opens on January 5th and will close on February 24th. Application for Admission Forms will be available from the office or to download from our website in January. Our Admission Policy and Admission Notice are also on our website. If you know of new families in your area please pass this information to them.

New ASD Class Building:

As you know, we opened an ASD special class, Cairdeas 3 this year. Building work was undertaken over the summer to create a temporary classroom and a sensory room in our existing GP room. In early September we were given approval by the Department of Education to begin the process of appointing architects for the permanent build. This new building will consist of an ASD classroom base and other associated rooms as well as a central activity space. Once built Cairdeas 3 will relocate to the new building and our GP room will return to its original use. We hope to have formally appointed our architects in the next fortnight.

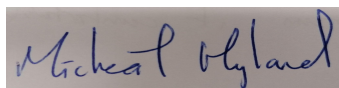
Keeping in Touch:

Communication between school and home is very important. The best way to keep in touch is through Class Dojo. Teachers send messages and post stories from their classes. This should give you a good idea of some of the activities taking place in each class. Parents can send messages to the teachers also. If anyone needs to be reconnected to the app or needs any support in accessing it, the teachers will be more than happy to help out. Also, keep an eye on our website www.geashillns.ie and follow us on Twitter @GeashillNS.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

I would like to thank you all for participating so constructively in the recent parent-teacher meetings. It was lovely to see you back in the school building. As always, if there is anything you need to discuss throughout the remainder of the school year please contact the class teacher or myself and we will arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Micheál Hyland". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Micheál Hyland