

Scoil na Croise Naofa

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Dear Parents,

Dates for your Diaries:

Wednesday December 4th:

School closed for teacher in-service training day on the Primary Language Curriculum

Friday December 13th:

Bring 'n' Buy Sale in aid of St. Vincent de Paul

Monday December 16th:

Children's Christmas Party organised by our Parents' Council (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers if they wish)

Thursday December 19th:

Nativity Play in St. Mary's Church, Raheen at 7pm

Friday December 20th:

School closing for Christmas holidays at 12.30pm. This will be a free dress day. A donation of €2 per family can be made to our Parents' Council if you wish. We return to school on Monday 6th January 2020.

Swimming Lessons:

Swimming lessons for 3rd to 6th Classes commence in Portarlinton Swimming Pool on Friday 17th 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.

Please note there will be two further 12.30pm closures in the new year for more training on the new Primary Language Curriculum. (PLC) These have been sanctioned by the Department of Education but the dates have not been confirmed yet. Please see the attached information for parents on the PLC. More information can be found out about the PLC on our website.

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Board of Management 2019-2023

Thanks to all of you who participated in the recent parent election for the new Board of Management. The Parent Nominees are Gemma Farrelly and Seán McFadden. The full board is being finalised at the moment and will begin its term on December 1st. More details about the Board of Management and reports from its meetings are available on our website in the About Us section.

Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal:

This year, around 100 boxes were donated to this worthy cause. We are very proud of the kindness shown and extend a big thank you to all families who participated.

Active School:

As I'm sure you have noticed, all classes are doing active homework on Thursdays. This will be extended to every evening for December. Keep encouraging your children to do a variety of the suggested activities each day and why not get involved yourselves and make it into a full family activity!

Food Dudes:

We are taking part in the Food Dudes initiative at the moment. All the classes are trying out lots of different fruits and vegetables. It's a great opportunity for those children who aren't too keen to give the various fruits and veg a go. Talk to your children about this and encourage them to try everything. You can find out more about Food Dudes on our website or at www.fooddudes.ie

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Thanks to all of you who engaged so constructively at our Parent-Teacher meetings last week. If there is anything arising from those meetings that you wish to discuss further please do so by making an appointment with the teacher or through Mrs. Coughlan in the office.

Book Rental & Pupil Insurance:

There are still some book fees to be paid. Please contact Mrs. Coughlan or myself to discuss payment. It is possible to pay in stages and we are very willing to speak about this with you.

And Finally...

Copies of the book "The Siege of Geashill" by Clemens von Ow are available to buy from our school office. It might make an ideal "Geashill Christmas Present" for family and friends! It's a fascinating read about the history of our village. Proceeds are very kindly being donated to the school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mícheál Hyland

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