



CARLANSTOWN NS - DECEMBER 2020



Beannachtai na Nollag is gach dea-ghnì do na h-Àthbhlàna daoibh go léir!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		01	02	03	04	05
	<p>A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR HOT CHOCOLATE REINDEER FUNDRAISER ON FRIDAY 27TH NOV. WE RAISED €335 AND THE MONEY IS GOING TOWARDS OUR SCIENCE EQUIPMENT FUND.</p>			<p>SCHOOL SAVING SCHEME CONTINUES EVERY THURSDAY</p>	<p>ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE EVERY FRIDAY IN DECEMBER</p>	<p>OUTDOOR FOOD & CRAFT FAIR 10 AM – 4PM</p> <p>MOYNALTY STEAM THRESHING FIELD</p>
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	<p>KEEP PRACTISING YOUR LINES & SONGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLAYS INFANTS – 1ST CLASS</p>		<p>WHEN CHOOSING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN THIS CHRISTMAS, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT 'THE GIFT OF READING IS A GIFT FOR LIFE'.</p>		<p>Christmas JUMPER DAY</p> <p>FOR ALL OUR CLASSES</p>	<p>OUTDOOR FOOD & CRAFT FAIR 10 AM – 4PM</p> <p>MOYNALTY STEAM THRESHING FIELD</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>SAVING STATEMENTS WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL FAMILIES THIS WEEK.</p>		<p>BOARD GAMES, JIGSAWS AND CONSTRUCTION TOYS SUCH AS LEGO, MECHANO AND MAGNETIX ARE EXCELLENT CHOICES TOO!</p>		<p>LAST DAY OF THE SAVING SCHEME FOR TERM ONE.</p>	<p>Ms. ALLEN's & Ms. CARROLL's CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED TODAY!</p>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		<p>SCHOOL WILL CLOSE @ 12 O'CLOCK FOR ALL CLASSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</p>	<p>On behalf of the Board of Management and staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families & friends of the school peace and joy this Christmas. It has been a very testing year for everyone and we sincerely appreciate your continued support. School will reopen on Wednesday 6th January.</p>			



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus. It is a time for all of us to prepare and reflect. This Christmas is going to be like no other we remember. In the lead up to this special feast, let us make time for what is important and look forward to a brighter future and new year. During Advent, we will be having an Advent Prayer service every Friday in school. We will include all our classes via Zoom. Some suggested activities to enjoy as a family at home during Advent include

- Set up the crib at home and talk about it;
- Design an Advent calendar
- Make a Christmas Decoration together
- Write a card or a letter and send it to a family member or elderly relative.
- Visit the crib in the Village or in the Church,
- Complete a project on Christmas traditions in other countries

We would love if you could share with us your advent preparations at home. Please email your photographs to carlanstownns@gmail.com or upload via your child's account on Seesaw.

As we welcome December, CKCD have had to make the decision that due to the current social distancing guidelines and restrictions on outdoor gatherings they will not be able to hold their annual Christmas event in the village this year. However, CKCD have very kindly arranged for a very special delivery of selection boxes directly from Santa later in the month for all children to take home and enjoy. We will be very excited to receive them!

As we reflect on the first term in school and the new routines and procedures to ensure a safe school for everyone, there is no doubt that the reason it has worked so well is because we are all working together. Over the next three weeks we all need to keep up our efforts in hand-washing, mask wearing and maintaining social distance. The importance of all our joint efforts has not gone away.

In recent days, we have noted larger numbers congregating outside the gates in the mornings, than we had at the beginning of the school year. Please remind your child not to stand in groups while waiting and be mindful yourself of social distance and mask wearing, if you are with them. Please do not arrive too early, as this adds to the numbers congregating. We are most grateful for the cooperation we have received from you all this term. Please continue to do so. The children have adapted so well and are an example and encouragement to us all at home and at school, with the resilience they have shown. We will be celebrating all their hard work and effort this month.



Many thanks for your participation in the Parent Teacher Meetings during November. It was a very positive experience & we would like to thank all parents who made time to take the calls and to affirm your child's progress. We got a great sense of support from the calls.



Christmas is fast approaching and the most accurate description anyone can give at this point is that it's going to be different. However, we are delighted to inform you that Ms. Allen and Ms. Carroll's class will be performing their Christmas Plays this year. Due to the current restrictions we cannot invite our families into school to our performances so instead we will be doing a live streaming of the performances for our families on **Friday 18th December**. The time of the performances and the link to the performances will be shared next week. If you are unavailable to view the live stream, it will be available to purchase on a USB/DVD also. In accordance with our Child Protection Policy and Data Protection Guidelines, photos or recordings of the performances must not be made under any circumstances, or shared on any social media platforms.

The classrooms are buzzing with excitement already as the children begin to learn their lines and songs. Due to the restrictions on class bubbles and Pods mixing the older classes will watch the dress rehearsals on Zoom in the lead up to the big day. In this way they too get to enjoy the magic and fun of the Christmas Plays. Ms. Allen & Ms. Carroll will send home information regarding costumes in the coming days and we thank you in advance for all your help. In the current CoVid environment, costumes cannot be shared between children/classes and we will need for costumes to be sent into school a number of days in advance.



This year the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal is moving online. The children and families of Carlanstown NS have been so generous in previous years with their thoughtful gifts each year. This year we can't send our usual shoeboxes so Team Hope are asking us to virtually fill a shoebox online. The Team Hope Volunteers in the various countries will then fill the boxes and deliver them to the excited children. Each box will cost €20 and you can personalise it online by clicking on this page to build a special box <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/#build-a-box> There is still lots of time as the closing date is not until 23rd December. This year has been difficult for people all over the world and although this year may be different, the need for shoebox gifts is more important than ever.



Good Luck to Jake Clarke, Sixth Class, who will represent the school this Sat. 5th Dec in the GAA 100

Touch Challenge in Dunganny. The 100 Touch Challenge is open to boys & girls in 5th & 6th class. Kicking with both feet, hand-passing off right & left, the high catch, body catch & more skills of the game are tested against the clock! Jake will be competing against children from schools from all across the county. Go níri an t-adh leat, Jake!