

## November 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Guardian,



**HOPE FOUNDATION** An amazing one hundred and forty boxes were collected by the local Hope Foundation representative and are on their way to bring a little joy to less fortunate children in war torn countries. A sincere thank you to all the families who participated.

### ENROLMENT

**We are currently taking applications for enrolment for the school year September 2018. Application forms are available from the school office or to download from the school website.**

**Please read the school Enrolment Policy on our website and submit completed application forms by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you are aware of a child who hasn't siblings in the school already, perhaps you would let the family know. We appreciate your co-operation in this important matter.**



### EMAIL/ MOBILE NUMBER

Please make sure we have an active email address and mobile number for you to receive newsletters, texts etc. Please keep us updated on any changes.



**FRIENDSHIP WEEK** This week, as part of our Anti- Bullying policy, all classes will participate in friendship promoting activities.



**SPORT** The boys and girls gaelic football competitions are drawing to a close after a busy season. The boys are through to the semi-final of the Country Cup and the girls have reached the Roinn A semi-final vs. Gaelscoil which takes place on Monday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. The popular mini- leagues are drawing to a close also with the finals taking place later this week. Many thanks to our dedicated teachers who volunteer their time to train and attend matches and, without whom, these activities could not take place.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATING** This year's competition has begun again and the 6<sup>th</sup> class team had their first outing recently against Ballinkillen.

We wish them luck as they proceed in the competition.



## IRISH DANCING

The pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes are currently completing the term with their teacher Evelyn White. Parents are welcome to attend the final lesson on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.45am to see how much progress they've made.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS FUNDRAISER

Well done to the children who designed beautiful cards and many thanks to all the families who supported the venture, raising over €800 for school funds. We hope your friends and relatives will enjoy receiving their special card.

## MONTHLY AWARDS



We will shortly begin a programme of Monthly Awards. Each teacher will select a pupil every month for outstanding behaviour or effort. These children will be acknowledged at a school assembly and a postcard will be sent home acknowledging his/ her achievement.



## HEALTHY EATING POLICY

Many of the older pupils have begun to take drinks throughout the day. Please ensure they are drinking water – and not diluted squashes or juices.

## December Diary



### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

Irish dancing display for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

11am - Santa Walk through the village (weather permitting)

1pm - Santa is returning on his sleigh to visit Gowran in aid of Temple Street Children's Hospital.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Nativity and Carol Service

As December is just around the corner, the children have begun preparing for their Christmas celebrations, learning carols in class and practising recorder pieces with Tommy.

These will take place on **Tuesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** with the Junior and Senior Infants in the morning and the older children in the afternoon.

