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Christmas Holidays



Please note that the school holidays will begin with a half-day next Tuesday, 22nd December. The school will reopen on Wednesday 6th January, 2021.

As we continue to focus on the health and wellbeing of all members of our school community, we will stagger the dismissal times next Tuesday to limit large congregations of people on the school grounds.

The dismissal times for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, 22nd December will be:

Coiscéim and Junior Infants classes	11.45a.m.
Senior Infants classes	11.50a.m.
4 th , 5 th and 6 th classes	11.55a.m.
1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd classes	12.00p.m.

Children's Christmas Cards



The children's Christmas cards are currently being printed by the supply company and we hope to have them ready to go home with pupils tomorrow.




Christmas Panto, Treats and Christmas Jumpers – Friday 18th



This Friday, December 18th, the children will be treated to an online performance of the Helix panto, "*The Sword in the Stone*."

The children will watch the show in their classrooms and the Parents' Committee will provide some treats (small bag of crisps, small bag of jellies and small bar of chocolate, together with a bottle of water) for each child to enjoy during the show. Please contact your child's class teacher on Aladdin if you do not want them to be given any of these treats.

The Children may wear Christmas jumpers/Christmas themed clothing on the day or a school tracksuit (or a Dublin jersey – more on that later!!) if they prefer. There will be no charge for this event.

<p><u>Christmas Cards and Gifts</u></p> 	<p>Last Thursday we received the following advice relating to arrangements for the end of term from the Department of Education:</p> <p><i>“Pupils/students often like to share Christmas cards and small gifts. This is allowable but needs to be undertaken in a controlled manner, such that it does not involve pupils/students moving and interacting outside of their usual pods or contacts. Any cards/gifts would ideally be given to a staff member directly, and then distributed by a staff member to pupils/students in a controlled way. There should be a strong emphasis on hand hygiene at all times.”</i></p> <p>In line with this advice and following some queries from parents, we have decided to alter the advice given to parents last week in relation to bringing in cards for classmates and gifts for teachers and SNAs.</p> <p>We would first like to impress on parents and guardians that there is absolutely no onus on any child or family to bring in cards for classmates or gifts for teachers or SNAs however, should you wish to do so, we would ask that cards for classmates arrive in school by this Friday, where they will remain in quarantine over the weekend and teachers will distribute them in a safe manner on Monday or Tuesday of next week. Any gifts sent in for teachers and SNAs will also be stored and handled safely by staff.</p>
<p><u>All Ireland Football Final</u></p> 	<p>Good luck to the Dublin Senior Men’s Football team in the All-Ireland final versus Mayo this Sunday, 20th December.</p> <p>Pupils may wear Dublin gear or Dublin colours to school this Friday, 18th December to support the team.</p> <p>Up the Dubs!!</p>
<p><u>Enrolment</u></p> 	<p>Enrolment for 2021 is now open.</p> <p>Please visit the enrolment/admissions section of our website at http://sacredheart huntstown.weebly.com/admissions-2021.html for further details.</p> <p>Completed admission applications can be posted to the school, handed in to the school office or emailed to enrol.sacredheartns@gmail.com. Admission applications for the 2021/2022 school year will be accepted up until 29.01.2021. Applicants will be notified of the decision on their admission application in February 2021.</p>

Christmas Raffle



Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for our Christmas fundraiser raffle.

Remember, tickets for the raffle can be bought up to 10am on Friday, 18th December. Raffle tickets are available for purchase via the ePayment function on Aladdin Connect. We ask each family in the school to contribute €20 to the raffle if at all possible please. This collection is voluntary and the contribution amount has been set as a variable amount so you can contribute an amount that suits you. One digital ticket will be assigned to you for the draw for each €2 contribution made. Family contributions of €20 will be assigned twelve digital tickets. The draw will take place in the school on Friday, December 18th and the results will be posted on Aladdin, emailed and published on the school website.

If you would like to purchase additional raffle tickets after you have already completed an ePayment on Aladdin, please put the money in an envelope with your child's name and the amount enclosed written on the envelope and return it to the class teacher or school office by 10am on Friday morning. Additional tickets will then be assigned to you for the draw.

The amazing prizes in our Christmas raffle include two *Blanchardstown Centre* vouchers to the value of €250 each, a €100 *Dunnes Stores* Voucher, a €100 *Aldi* Voucher, two €50 *Smyths Toys* vouchers, a €50 *Iceland* voucher, a €25 *Tesco* voucher, two hampers from *Your Local Pharmacy Huntstown*, a hamper from local company *Escape Candles* and a voucher for *Salon 15*.

Once again, thank you for supporting our school.

Go raibh maith agaibh



Thank you to parents who sent in warm wishes to staff members on *go raibh maith agaibh* day on Friday.

We, as a school community, can be so proud of what we have achieved this term and I would like to say thank you and well done to pupils, parents and staff for your fantastic efforts in what has been a very challenging term.

Ní neart go cur le chéile – there is no strength without unity.