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Christmas Raffle



As we are sure you are aware, our main fundraiser in the school for the last couple of years has been our annual Christmas Raffle, organised by the Parents' Association.

This year, we will be unable to sell physical raffle tickets as we have done previously, however it is absolutely vital for school finances that the fundraising raffle does take place. Therefore, we will run this year's Christmas raffle online and would greatly appreciate your support.

The raffle will be launched this afternoon and tickets will be available for purchase via ePayments on Aladdin. We ask each family in the school to contribute €20 to the raffle if at all possible please. This collection on Aladdin will be voluntary and the contribution amount will be set as a variable amount so you can contribute an amount that suits you. Notification of the Aladdin ePayment collection will be sent to parents/guardians this afternoon.

One ticket will be assigned to you for the draw for each €2 contribution made. Family contributions of €20 will be assigned twelve tickets. The draw will take place in the school on December 18th and the results will be posted on Aladdin, emailed and published on the school website.


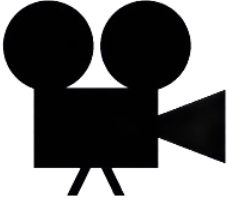



As always, there are amazing prizes to be won including two Blanchardstown Centre vouchers to the value of €250 each, a €100 Dunnes Stores Voucher, a €100 Aldi Voucher, two €50 Smyths Toys vouchers, a €50 Iceland voucher, a €25 Tesco voucher and two hampers from Your Local Pharmacy Huntstown, amongst others.

Once again, we would greatly appreciate if you could contribute €20 per family, or an amount you can afford, to this vital school fundraiser, and remember each contribution gives you a chance to win one of our fabulous prizes!

Christmas Cards and Gifts



In light of Covid-19 restrictions and the practices currently in place in our school, we are asking children not to bring in Christmas cards for distribution in classes this year. We are also aware that, while many children may wish to bring a card or present for their teacher and SNA, perhaps this year, Christmas wishes could be sent via an Aladdin message instead. We would prefer not to have to take these measures but they are necessary as we endeavour to ensure the safety of all.

<p><u>Christmas Panto</u></p> 	<p>On Friday next, December 18th, the children will be treated to a performance of the Helix panto, “<i>The Sword in the Stone</i>.” The children will watch the show in their classrooms and the Parents’ Committee will provide some treats (small bags of crisps and jellies and small bar of chocolate, together with a bottle of water) for the children to enjoy during the show. Children may wear Christmas jumpers/Christmas themed clothing on that day or a school tracksuit if they prefer. There will be no charge for this event.</p>
<p><u>Christmas Art Work</u></p> <p><u>Video</u></p> 	<p>Unfortunately, we are not in a position to open our doors to parents/guardians for our annual Christmas performances this year. This is always a very exciting time for children and families are we regret that it is not possible to host visits to our school this year. To allow parents/guardians to get a taste of some of the Christmas activities that the children have been engaging in, we will record a festive stroll through our school, showing all the fabulous artwork and crafts that the children have been working on over the past few weeks. This video will be posted on our website next week and we hope you will enjoy it.</p>
<p><u>Santa Claus</u></p> 	<p>It has been brought to our attention that a number of children are discussing matters relating to Santa Claus in classes as young as Junior Infants. If you do not celebrate Christmas in your family and do not believe in the magic of Santa Claus that is perfectly acceptable however, we respectfully request that you ask your children to refrain from discussing this with other children in their classes as it can cause upset for children and families at this time of year. We would really appreciate your co-operation in this matter.</p>
<p><u>School Start Time = 8.50a.m.</u></p> 	<p>While our doors are open from 8:30am each morning, formal instruction does not begin until 8:50am. Families should not feel under pressure to arrive to school at 8:30am and, especially in the case of younger children, arriving closer to 8:50 is preferable so that the children are not sitting and waiting for too long before formal instruction begins.</p>
<p><u>Enrolment</u></p> 	<p>It will not be possible to host open admission / enrolment meetings in the school in January. Therefore, applications for admission of pupils for Junior Infants and Coiscéim Classes 2021 will be accepted electronically this year. Our Admission Policy, Admission Application Form and Admission Statement are available on our school website at http://sacredheart huntstown.weebly.com/admissions-2021.html.</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>