



# Scoil Naomh Chaitríona

## Newsletter – December

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### Dear Parents

The countdown is well and truly on to the Christmas holidays. December in Scoil Chaitríona will be a very different month this year but we will do our very best to create a nice atmosphere for the children and spread some Christmas cheer.

I would like to commend our entire school community for your careful and vigilant efforts to keep our school safe these past few months. It is vitally important that we continue our efforts over the coming weeks to ensure we see out the term safely.

On behalf of all the staff in Scoil Chaitríona I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas.

### Important Dates for December

- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Please have Draw cards returned
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Hamper Draw
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – We close at 12:30 for Christmas Holidays
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – School Reopens



### Christmas in Scoil Chaitríona



We have the tree up, the decorations out and that cheeky elf on the shelf is up to his old tricks again in the junior room.

Unfortunately we won't be able to hold our usual Christmas plays as normal this year but we are working on a special surprise for our parents to help lift the Christmas spirits.

Thank you to all our families for donating items to our Christmas hamper and for taking cards to buy/ sell lines. A special thank you to Marie for all her organising and to the parents and grandparents who have been helping Marie sell lines. We would like all cards back (sold or unsold) by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December so we can sell any remaining unsold lines. Our draw will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> December via Zoom



The funds raised each year are vital for the upkeep and development of the school. They will also allow us to treat our children to some nice surprises throughout what has been a challenging year for all. Well done everyone and thank you.

## News and Upcoming Events

### Creative Schools Initiative

As I mentioned earlier in the year we are participating in the Creative Schools program this year. The artist Karen Webster has been assigned to our school and we will be working closely with her and other local artists over the next two years to develop our children's art, music and drama skills. We see great potential in our pupils and we look forward to seeing their creativity unlocked and their artistic talents put on display.



### Science Week

We celebrated Science week this November and each class enjoyed carrying out various experiments and activities. Mr. Kelly's class in particular had very curious minds as they carried out an investigation into what foods contain starch.



### Parent Teacher Meetings

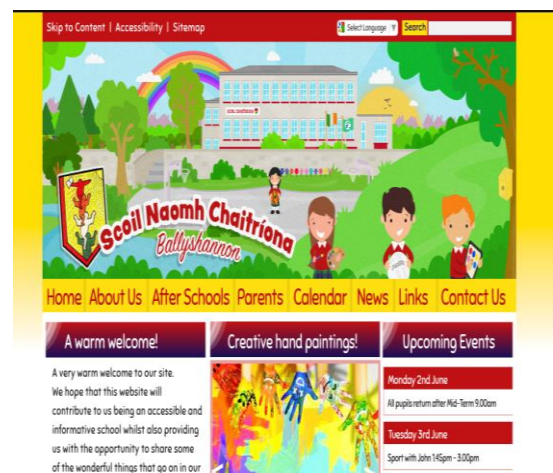
This year we will be holding our Parent Teacher Meetings over the phone. You will have been sent a time for your phone call. If this time does not suit please contact us at [officescoilchaitriona@gmail.com](mailto:officescoilchaitriona@gmail.com) to reschedule. These calls will take no longer than 10 minutes. If you wish to discuss something further we can arrange for a follow up call or meeting.

### Update on Development of School Grounds

The works on the fencing and tarmacking of the school grounds will commence in the new year. The fencing project should start in January. The tarmacking will begin during the school closure at Easter. I will keep you updated on developments as the project progresses.

### New School Website

Work has almost finished on our new school website. We are very happy with the final product and look forward to launching it in January. This website will also have an app which you can download to your phone. The app will let you know if anything new has been posted on our web page.





## A few snapshots of Well-being month in Scoil Chaitríona

This month we aimed to promote well-being in our school by focusing on mental health, healthy eating, being kind to others and physical activity. It was a very enjoyable month and great fun was had by all.







Thank you to David and Spar for sponsoring us with fruit and veg during Healthy Eating Week.

