



December

NEWSLETTER



Dear St. Cronan's Junior National School Families,

As the festive season in school draws to an end, we reflect on the wonderful memories created and the joy shared throughout these busy weeks! December is always such a special time at our school, filled with joy, music, and community spirit, and this year is no exception.

We are delighted to invite you to our **Annual Christmas Concert on the 18th of December**, where our talented children will share the magic of the season through song and performance. It promises to be a heart-warming event that you won't want to miss!

The school has also been buzzing with excitement thanks to a **very special visit from Santa Claus** himself! The smiles and laughter on the children's faces said it all - it was truly a magical moment for everyone.

A huge thank you to all who participated in our **Christmas Jumper Swap**. It was a great success and a wonderful way to embrace sustainability while getting into the festive spirit.

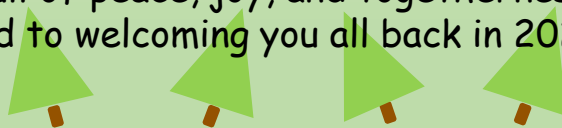
We're also incredibly proud of our school choir, who brought festive cheer beyond our school gates with their beautiful singing at the Bank of Ireland and Dublin Airport. Their performances were simply fantastic, spreading joy to travellers near and far. Wishing all our families a season full of peace, joy, and togetherness as we approach the holidays. We're looking forward to welcoming you all back in 2025 for a new term!

Warmest wishes,

Edel Blake

Principal

St. Cronan's Junior National School



First Aid

Congratulations and thank you to all our dedicated staff who recently completed First Aid, CPR and AED courses. In tandem with our recently updated Safety Statement we will ensure our children are being taught and nurtured in a safe environment. The Lunch Bag our hot meals provider recently sent an email to parents stating that they had donated a LifeVac anti choking device to the school. We are aware of the HSE guidelines on the safest interventions for choking and will always follow these guidelines. There was an article in the Times here about it: <https://www.irishtimes.com/health/2024/12/08/anti-choking-devices-donated-to-primary-schools-despite-hse-advising-against-use/>
We will always do our utmost to keep the children happy, healthy and safe.

Uniform Sale

Pat O'Farrell New Year sale starts Friday the 27th December 2024 online. The sale starts in our Swords and Portmarnock stores on Thursday the 2nd of January 2025 up to and including Saturday the 25th January 2025.



Enrolment - Final Call

Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2025 is closing on Tuesday 7th January. We have 207 applications for 144 places. It is fantastic that so many families want to come to our happy school, but it is so important that all siblings, families, neighbours and friends are enrolled on time. Please take time today to check everyone you know has applied on time.



Ant—bullying Policy Review

Our Anti-bullying policy review is now complete and passed by the BOM. The new policy will go on our school website. Many thanks to all who completed the survey. Many interesting comments were received, and we have considered them. The most notable comments related to the importance of categorizing bullying correctly and ensuring that all stakeholders recognize the difference between school yard squabbles and repeated, targeted bullying. Our anti-bullying lessons in SPHE play an important part in this. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this important area.

2nd Class Panto Trip - Kids takeover

Rapunzel

On the 4th of December we went to the Helix. First we went on the bus. Then we got our seats and we ate our snacks. Then the show started, it was about a missing baby Princess. My favourite part is when Mother Gothel needs to go to the toilet! My least favourite part is the Ticket Master using the stick. Then finally we went back to the bus.

By Aoife, Room 20

The Panto - Rapunzel

On the 4th of December we went to the panto. We were put in twos. Then we got on the bus. When we arrived, we got our seats and ate a snack. Then the show started. The characters were called Rapunzel, Buddy, Lorel, Ticket Master, Flynn, Lola, the Fairy Godmother and Sunny. My favourite character was Lola or Buddy. At the end we had a dance party. Finally, we went back to our classroom.

The End!

By Caoimhe, Room 20



Show Day December 18th 2024

A reminder it is Show Day on December 18TH in our school hall. All are welcome. We will be collecting donations in aid of our yard construction equipment.

Times:

9:30 - Junior Infants

10:30 - Senior Infants

11:30 - First Class

12:30 - Second Class - Please note all 2nd classes will be doing a show case of the work they have completed with Taylor - musician in residence this term at the end of the show.

Class teachers will inform you what clothing children need to wear on this day.

Friday 20th December

Friday is the last day of term. All children can wear their own clothes. Don't forget to join us for a final morning disco in the yard.

There will be no hot lunches. All children must bring their own snack - no snacks will be delivered from The Lunch Bag on this day.

There is a half day. The children will go home as follows:

Junior & Senior Infants: 11:45

1st & 2nd Class: 11:55

Grandparent's Day

We have had some queries about one of my favourite days of the year - Grandparent's Day. This is a day when Grandparent's are invited to join a class for a small amount of time at the end of the day. **Please note not every class can celebrate Grandparent's Day for a range of reasons - it is best not to make any arrangements for Grandparent's Day until a class teacher issues an invitation.** Grandparent's Day is scheduled to be held on Thursday 23rd.



A new addition to our birthday bell area!



One of our talented children got creative on an icy day and built her own snowman!

Santa waiting to meet our amazing children!









Destination	Time	Status
London	10:00	On Time
Manchester	10:15	Delayed
Edinburgh	10:30	On Time
Glasgow	10:45	On Time
Birmingham	11:00	On Time
Cardiff	11:15	On Time
Belfast	11:30	On Time
Stockholm	11:45	On Time
Oslo	12:00	On Time
Amsterdam	12:15	On Time
Brussels	12:30	On Time
Paris	12:45	On Time
Madrid	13:00	On Time
Rome	13:15	On Time
Naples	13:30	On Time
Barcelona	13:45	On Time
Valencia	14:00	On Time
Seville	14:15	On Time
Malaga	14:30	On Time
Bilbao	14:45	On Time
Astoria	15:00	On Time
San Francisco	15:15	On Time
Los Angeles	15:30	On Time
Hong Kong	15:45	On Time
Beijing	16:00	On Time
Tokyo	16:15	On Time
Sydney	16:30	On Time
Auckland	16:45	On Time
Wellington	17:00	On Time
Christchurch	17:15	On Time
Dunedin	17:30	On Time
Queenstown	17:45	On Time
Invercargill	18:00	On Time
Timaru	18:15	On Time
Christchurch	18:30	On Time
Dunedin	18:45	On Time
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CHRISTMAS LINE

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Business, Technology and
Event, Shuttle and Coach
Car Hire / Car Rental

Follow the
directions
in app

LOCKER
COLLECTION

ART





The stockings were
hung by the chimney
with care...



<p>Yoruba: "E ku odun, Keresimesi!" Ibo: "Ekelele na gi maka Keresimesi na ubochi izi afo ozo." Fulani: "Jabbama be salla Kirismatti" Hausa: "Bar'ka da Kirismatti" or just "Happy Christmas"</p> <p>Nigeria</p>	<p>Priecigus Ziemassvetkus</p> <p>Latvia</p>	<p>Maligayan Pasko</p> <p>Philippines</p>	<p>Z RIZDVOM HRYSTOVYM</p> <p>UKRAINE</p>
<p>Nollaig Shona Dhuit Ireland</p>	<p>Wesolych Swiat Poland</p>	<p>Laimingu Kaledu Lithuania</p>	<p>Mboni Chrismen Algeria</p>
<p>Priecigus ziemassvetkus Latvia</p>	<p>Joyeux Noel Congo</p>	<p>Chuc mung Giang Sinh Vietnam</p>	<p>Boas Festas Angola</p>
<p>El Niñito Dios (Mexico)</p>	<p>Dun Che Lao Ren (China)</p>	<p>Christmas Baba (Pakistan)</p>	<p>Kalėdų Senelis (Lithuania)</p>
<p>Mikulas (Hungary)</p>	<p>Jólasveinninn (Iceland)</p>	<p>Daidí na Nollag (Ireland)</p>	<p>Ziemassvētku vecītis (Latvia)</p>

