



SAVE THE DATE!

On **Thursday, December 19th** the school will hold our Christmas Play. There is great excitement among the pupils and staff alike. We hope you will come along on the night and bring family and friends to join in the fun!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

You will all have received a proof of your child's Christmas Card. If you wish to place an order for school delivery, please remember to do so online before **Wednesday, November 13th**.

USED CLOTHES COLLECTION

The school held a **Used Clothes Collection** on Tuesday, 15th October. Many thanks to all who donated to this fundraiser. The total amount raised was **€410.60**. Well done everyone! Your co-operation is much appreciated.

CREATIVE SCHOOLS

Our school has been accepted into the **Creative Schools** initiative which involves children being creative, participating in various workshops and exploring creativity. This is a two-year programme.

St. VINCENT de PAUL

All donations of non-perishable food, new toys, unwanted gifts etc. are now being accepted to go towards making Christmas hampers for those less fortunate than ourselves. All items may be left to the school between now and **December 13th**.

COMPETITION

Great fun was had by pupils from all classes who were involved in composing a "rap" in conjunction with a competition being run by Circol ELT, a recycling company.

AWARENESS WEEK

In the month of November, we will have Science Week 11th to 15th and Wellbeing Week, 18th to 22nd.

ADMISSIONS

The school will accept applications for the school year 2025/2026 until **February 28th 2025**. If you intend enrolling your child or know of anybody intending to enrol a child, please contact the school office or go to our website for an Application Form.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS

Our "**Festive Fridays**" were a huge success last year, so we have decided to run with them again this year. Each of these Fridays will have a different theme and they are as follows:

Friday 6th Dec. - Christmas Crafts Day

Friday 13th Dec. - Hot Chocolate & Movie Day

Friday 20th Dec. – Christmas Party Day!

*****Christmas Jumpers may be worn on each of the Festive Fridays.**

HEYWOOD MUSICAL

Heywood Community School have very kindly invited the pupils from 3rd to 6th class to their production of "**Thank you for the Music**", a Mamma Mia inspired production on **Thursday 21st November**. The cost per pupil is €10 which included entrance fee and bus.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Every year we hold a **Christmas Raffle** in the school and another on the night of our Christmas plays. We are mindful of the fact that all prizes are donated by parents, businesses etc. This year a decision has been made to have just one raffle, with the draw being made on the night of the plays. Each child will be given a card to take home. The lines will be €2 each. The raffle on the night will include all names on these cards as well as any tickets sold in the audience. There is absolutely no obligation on any family to either buy or sell lines but your support would be greatly appreciated. If anyone needs extra cards, please contact the office. Donations for the raffle i.e. biscuits, sweets, wine, beauty gifts, vouchers etc. would be much appreciated since the raffle prizes will be mostly hampers. These items can be left to the school any day between now and **Monday, 16th December** to give us a chance to make up hampers.