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Some dates for December

A number of trips and events are taking place over the coming weeks. Different classes are going on different trips and not all classes have all events, but teachers will be in touch to let you know when your child is involved:

December 11th – Visit to Santa in Killeedy

December 14th - Older Children Carol Singing in the Square to raise funds for School Sensory Room

December 15th – Younger Children Christmas Concert and Visit from Mrs. Claus!

December 19th and 20th – Sleeping Beauty Panto in University Concert Hall, Limerick

December 22nd – School will close for a half day for Christmas holidays and will re-open on Monday January 8th

Term 2 - School Closure Day and Early Closing Day

The Department of Education have sent a notice to inform us that the **school will be closed on Tuesday, January 16th** as teachers will need to engage with training for the Primary Mathematics Curriculum. Children will not be able to come into the school that day and Breakfast Club and After-School will not take place on that date.

Apologies for any inconvenience, but we hope that this information provides some notice for you.

The school will close early on Wednesday, February 14th at 12.30 p.m. for staff training and will remain closed on Thursday, February 15th and 16th for Mid-Term Break. All children will need to be collected at that time as After-School will not take place. Busses will collect children at 12.30 on that day.

Being Online

A discussion item at a recent meeting of our Parents' Association was training and information in relation to children being online. We had hoped to hold a training day for children, staff and families before Christmas, but trainers were not available. As Christmas is a time of year when everyone is more likely to have both positive and negative experiences online, our parents association have helped to create the following list of resources for schools and families. Click on the links to read and view some useful videos as well as a webinar:

[Barnardos Be a S.T.A.R. online](#)

[Webwise Parents Hub](#)

[Dr. Maureen Griffin Free online Webinar for Parents](#)

We will also continue to incorporate the [10 themes of digital citizenship](#) into lessons at school informally integrating the pillars of Being online, Well-being online and Rights online into the teaching and learning process.

[Teaching Resources](#) for the 10 themes of digital citizenship are also available on webwise.

Local Activities Resource for parents

A Huge thank you to the Parents Association for creating a list of local activities for children. This is a very useful resource to have with all activities and telephone numbers in one place. We will send this list to parents from Aladdin later this evening.

Courtenay Prepares for Christmas!

Christmas cheer and festive fun is certainly being felt in the school this week as the decorations go up, Christmas elves arrive and Christmas Carols are sung. It's beginning to look and feel a lot like

Elves Doc and Murph wait to be released in Senior Infants:



Nollaig and Frosty Arrive in Junior Infants

Ms. McCarthy's room in Christmas Song!



Placing some of the figures in the Christmas Crib!



Decorating the Christmas Tree!!

Staff also had a great opportunity to get together and discuss all of the ongoing work at the Courtenay at our Christmas Party on Friday last.

We celebrated two birthdays (Emmet and Sheila) on the same night and packed lots more "activities" into the evening!

The Longcourt Hotel provided a great feast of festive fun and food. Many thanks and well done to all at the hotel

Courtenay Fittest Group

4th class are participating in “Fittest Family” training sessions. Lots of fun is being had, taking on the plank challenge other inventive fun and fit promoting activities!



Alter Serving Training, STEM Challenge in 6th Class and Sheila’s Birthday in Mr. Ruddle’s Room were also highlights this week:



Gymnastics

A massive well done to Michael Dooley in Fourth Class who has won first place and a gold medal in gymnastics over the weekend. What a wonderful achievement Michael, we are all very proud.



TV Appearance!!

We were also very excited to see Joseph Lysaght on TV telling the whole country about a his favourite TV character!!! Well done Joseph and his Mum!!!!

