



St. Colman's National School Ballindaggin

December News

Christmas Carol Service



Just a reminder that our Christmas Carol Service is taking place Thursday next December 21st at 7pm in the Church. Children to be there for 6.45pm please. Children do not need to wear school uniform. Instead we ask that they dress appropriately for the occasion (no tracksuits or hoodies) and if they have a Christmas jumper to don it for the night. This year we ask that Santa hats, antlers and other head gear are left at home.

All the children are looking forward to the night and we hope that you enjoy our performances.

We will do our best to be finished by 7.45pm. Everyone in attendance is reminded that any images taken must be for private use only and we ask for any photos taken not to be put on the web otherwise Data Protection legislation may be contravened. Thank you.



Christmas Cards

We ask that individual Christmas cards are not given out. Christmas cards are welcome but one per child to the whole school community, staff and pupils, is encouraged. This ensures that no child feels left out, is in an effort to reduce financial costs on families and is in keeping with our Green Schools initiative.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and prosperous 2017.

Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh



Supervision

Supervision of the yard begins at 8:50am. There is no supervision before this time. No responsibility can be accepted for children arriving before that time.

Christmas Holidays

The school will close on Friday December 22nd @ 12pm and reopen on January 8th @ 9am as normal. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Swimming

Day lost due to snowy conditions, 3rd & 4th class will have swimming on the 22nd of January. 1st and 5th begin January 29th.



Our school website won an Award for December Primary School Website of the month. We hope to develop our website further in the new year along with using email as a means of communication.

The website is kept up to date with policies, photos, news updates and lots of other useful information and it is a great way for you to stay abreast of what is happening in St. Colman's NS.

Find us:

@StColmans_NS

www.ballindagginns.ie



Thank you to all who attended the recent Parent/Teacher Meetings. We always appreciate your feedback and cooperation.

Remember you are always welcome to make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher. Please contact the office if you do wish to make an appointment and let the secretary know the reason for the appointment as this allows teachers to prepare for any meeting.

If you need to make a complaint our complaints procedure can be found on the school website. Complaints made to the school secretary cannot be acted upon.



Fifth & sixth class are busy preparing for the RDS Primary Science Fair. They will be exhibiting their project 'Scrambled Science: How to Carry All of your Eggs in One Basket' on Friday 12th January 2017. Thank you to Ms. Whitty for being the driving force behind this and to Ms. Moloney and her class for helping to prepare the work.



The school choir (3rd to 6th class) will perform at Christmas morning mass in St. Colman's Church at 11.30am. Please be up in the gallery at 11.15am. Thank you to Carol for organising and preparing the children for this and also to Daragh Clifford for providing the music.



Santa will pay a visit to the school on Dec 22nd. He will deliver board games and other resources to each class. The games and resources are being funded with the money raised from the Christmas cards that the children designed themselves. Thank you to the Parents Council for organising the Christmas Cards and the Santa visit.

