

St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



December Newsletter 2022

Dear Children and Parents,

As we approach the end of our First term, and indeed the end of 2022 we would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a happy, safe and healthy Christmas.



Christmas Plays

Over the last few days, each class has performed a Christmas play. The performances have been outstanding and the children's talents in acting, singing, poetry and dance have been a joy to behold. Congratulations to all the children and their teachers for all their hard work. Many thanks to parents, grandparents, and family members for coming to support the children; your presence makes each event special and it is a delight to have the families back in the school.

Christmas Raffles

A sincere thanks to parents for taking part in the school raffle at each play. The amount of €200 was donated to Sally Burke who provides hampers at Christmas Time for the elderly in our parish. Such a fantastic and worthy cause.

Thank you so much.



Magic Reindeer Food!

The reindeers will be well fed this Christmas by continuing the much-loved fundraising initiative of our Magic Reindeer Food. A sachet of Magic Reindeer food presented in a festive card is available for purchase at €1. The Reindeer food is proving very popular with our students! A big thank you to the Parents Association for organising this much loved event.



Christmas Festivities!

This week we have had a run of fun activities in school to keep the Christmas spirit alive and well.

* On Friday the whole school took part in Christmas & Winter Jumper Day. So many wonderful Christmas & Winter jumpers brought great colour and fun to the school.

On Tuesday First Class treated the school and 1st class parents & families to a very festive assembly to be proud of. This filled the whole school with more Christmas cheer.

And also on Tuesday all the children in St. Philips received a visit from the Big Man himself. Yes! Santa visited everyone and they all received a selection box from him. He got the elves to get selection boxes ready for everyone and he apologises if any of them got into mischief in your homes this Christmas. He promises to have a word with them all !!!!!



Safe Crossing for Children on Mountview Road and Shelerin Road

We ask all parents and the school community to observe the KEEP CLEAR sections of road at both the Mountview Road and Shelerin Road Pedestrian Crossings. It is very dangerous if cars are parked in this area as it inhibits motorists to fully see our Lollipop Ladies coordinating the road crossings for children, and equally it makes it extremely difficult for our Lollipop Ladies to see oncoming traffic. We appreciate your cooperation on this important matter.



Attendance

It is extremely important that your child attends school every day that he/she is well. However, if your son/daughter has been sick during the night, please do not send him/her to school next day. It is essential to notify the school if your child is ill or absent from school for any period of time.

After-school clubs

Thank you to Ms. O Hare who continued the Basketball after-school club with senior infants and to Ms Flavin & Ms O Halloran for running the homework clubs.



Christmas Holidays

The school will close on Wednesday 21st of December at 12 noon for the Christmas Holidays. The school will reopen on Thursday 5th of January 2023 at 9am.



On behalf of myself, Ms Igoe, our Deputy Principal and all the staff at St. Philip of the Apostle JNS, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful year ahead in 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Molloy & the staff of St Philip the Apostle JNS.



