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Scoil Lios na Groí Lisnagry National School



15th December, 2021.

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well.

Your co-operation has greatly helped in our efforts to manage what has been a very challenging term. The children have been terrific in complying with challenging requests and on behalf of my colleagues, I would like to extend a huge thanks to you and your children for understanding the situation and for doing as much as possible to keep the community of Lisnagry N.S. safe. We continue to navigate our way through these challenging times as best we can. As you can imagine, it has not been an easy time for my colleagues and I am very grateful for their hard work and dedication.

We have made December as enjoyable and celebratory as possible for the children. We put up decorations early and play festive music as they arrive in school. We are designating Tuesday 21st December as a special Christmas festivity day. We invite children to dress up in Christmas jumpers/Christmas clothes on that day if they wish. Every class will watch a Christmas movie and enjoy some popcorn and treats and Santa will visit us that day and deliver a selection box to each child courtesy of the Parents Association. We hope to record our Christmas carols as we did last year and send it out virtually through google classroom.

Our Hope Shoebox appeal was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone for getting involved and donating shoeboxes to this very worthy charity. The response was fantastic.

This Friday 17th December will be a Christmas jumper day in aid of Pieta House. This fundraiser is being organised by our wellbeing committee and any donation is very much appreciated for this worthy charity.

The Parents Association have organised a Christmas Split the Pot and the draw will take place on Tuesday 21st December. Each entry costs €10 and there will be 10 cash prizes. The money raised is split between the school and the winners. Our school calendar will be ready next week and thanks to everyone for supporting it. Many thanks to our Parents Association for all their fundraising efforts.

The 4th class children will be going swimming in UL in the new year. Swimming is a vital life skill and it is a great experience for these pupils. Details will follow.

We are delighted to be launching a new initiative called The Lunch Bag in January where you will have the facility to order school lunches for your child using an app. It is not a subscription service you are not committed to ordering every day. You can order once a week, everyday, not at all, whatever works for you. Orders must be in by 12pm the day before. We will be having a launch day on Wednesday 12th January. Each child will be given an intro bag to bring home so you can see the packaging etc. You can check out the details on <u>www.thelunchbag.ie</u>. More information to follow.

The school closes on Wednesday December 22nd for a half day for the Christmas holidays and reopens on Thursday 6th January. We will operate our staggered dispersal times, as usual. As always, you have been hugely supportive of the school in all its endeavours and I would like to express my sincere appreciation. We look forward with hope to a better 2022! On behalf of all the staff and the Board of Management, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Nollaig Shona Daoibh go léir.

Mise le meas,

Michael Feeney

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