



St. John of God G.N.S. December Newsletter 2017

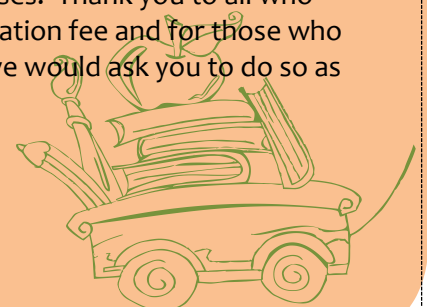
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The last of our **1st Aid Classes for parents** will be held this Monday 4th December. We hope all the parents who have taken part have found the classes informative and useful.

Aisling will be hosting 2 days of festive flower arranging fun in December. Parents are invited to come in and help the children make their **Christmas centerpiece flower arrangements on Tuesday 12th December beginning at 8.50 a.m.** If you would like to try your own hand at flower arranging and want to test your creativity, Aisling is also inviting all parents to come in to create their own masterpieces on **Thursday 14th December at 9.30 a.m.** This is always such a lovely experience for the children and parent volunteers alike and one that leaves a lasting memory so if you're free on either day, be sure to come in.

DRAMA EXAMS

The girls in **3rd, 4th and 5th class** have been busy getting ready for their **Speech and Drama Exams** which will be on **Wednesday 13th December**. The exams are accredited by the Dublin Academy of Drama and Communication and the girls will perform a prepared piece of drama and do an individual interview as part of the examination process. The girls are awarded a mark and a certificate, which is something they can use on their CVs in the future. The cost of doing the exam is €10 for the girls in 3rd class and €12 for the girls in 4th and 5th classes. Thank you to all who have paid the examination fee and for those who haven't paid as yet, we would ask you to do so as soon as possible.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us. Preparations have already begun in earnest in school for the festive season. For those of you who placed orders for your child's **Christmas cards**, you should be receiving them this week in time for the international postal deadline.

We would like to cordially invite all parents to our **Nativity Play and Carol Concert** held in the school hall on **Wednesday 20th December**. This is one of the highlights of the school year and never fails to get the audience feeling nostalgic and full of Christmas magic! To facilitate everybody, we are holding 2 concerts on the day and would request that you come to your allotted concert time.

Junior Infants-2nd class parents are invited to the first concert at 9.30 a.m.

3rd-6th class parents are invited to the second concert at 11.30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLIES

We will be holding our monthly whole school attendance assembly on Friday 22nd December. At the attendance assemblies, the children with full attendance for that month are awarded a certificate and publicly acknowledged. They are also named on our Star Attendees Chart in the school foyer. Children who have not missed a day in 3 months receive a special prize at the assembly to mark their achievement. We thank you for helping us teach the children that Every School Day Counts.

FAMILY MASS

The next family Mass will take place on Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve, at 11.30 a.m. in St. John Vianney Church, Ardlea. As always, all our girls and their families are warmly welcomed to attend these masses which place a special emphasis on being child-centred and family friendly.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The school will close for the Christmas Holidays on **Friday 22nd December**. Junior and Senior Infants will finish at **12.05 p.m.** and all other classes will be dismissed at **12.15 p.m.**

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association Annual Christmas Raffle will take place on **Tuesday 19th December**. As usual, the Committee have worked really hard to secure some excellent prizes including €100 Smiths Voucher, €50 Richard Gavin Voucher and €50 Lynches of Marino Voucher to name but a few. Each family will be given one book of tickets to sell. Extra books are available on request but we would ask that **ALL tickets, sold or unsold, are returned to the school.**

Class Calendars are available to order until **Wednesday 6th December** and cost €5 each.

The PA organise a **school disco** for all the children on **Friday 22nd December** from **10.30-11.30**. If you would like to help out at this we would love to see you there. All the children will be entered into a free raffle with great prizes on the day.



The Strings Club at Open Day 2017

Sneak Preview of January Events:

8th/1st/2018 School Reopens after Christmas Holidays

9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th/1st/2018 Senior Infants Maths for Fun

15th-19th/1st/2018 Friendship Week

15th/1st/2018 Internet Safety Talk for Parents in the school @ 7.30 p.m.

30th/1st/2018 Confirmation Class Service of Light in St. John Vianney Church @ 6.30 p.m.

Looking forward to enjoying a festive, joyful and peaceful month, this December,



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Principal