

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas. May 2017 bring exciting things for us all. I know there are a few of our CSR families travelling back home for the festive season- safe travels and be sure to use the cúpla focail while you're there!



Class Calendars- these are selling well, one particular class have sold out!!! Don't panic- an order has been put in for some more. They can be purchased from Áine in the office for 3 euro.



Fionnuala has 25 very diligent parents for her **gaeilge classes**. I've heard it's going great and parents are delighted with the progress they are making.

Traffic & Car parking update- the car park across the road continues to make things a lot easier for the school. The set down is working well and people are adhering to the new signs. As the mornings get colder, we are aware that more parents are driving their children to school. We would encourage the use of the car park across the road as much as possible. The campaign for a Lollipop Lady continues and the County Council are aware of our concerns in relation to the safety of our children for the imminent building of the new sports centre. We are aiming for full visibility of our children when crossing the road to and from school- this means parents not parking along the roadside. We appreciate your continued cooperation on this matter.

Just to be aware, the main school gates will be closed the day of the Christmas show. The pedestrian gates will be open. There will be no parking on school grounds. However, people with a disability permit will of course be catered for. Please just drive up to the gate and our amazing Ian



Christmas show- all our new parents are in for a treat. This promises to be a really special morning. The teachers are working very hard with the children to produce a wonderful little Christmas story. Conchúr will be sending out a note closer to the time, but it is fair to say that all the family are welcome on that day- be warned, it'll be a tight squeeze! Raffle tickets will be available to purchase before the show. We will do the raffle at the end of the show, once the children have returned to their classes.

Tea and coffee will be served by CSR afterwards, and this should bring us up to home time for the infant classes. Any donations of mince pies, biscuits or cakes will be gratefully received. Please let me know if you plan on making/bringing something at cairdeshliabhrua@gmail.com

will look after you.



*The **Friday coffee morning** is still running, it is such a lovely way to meet other parents and pick up the cúpla focail. Parents are welcome to drop in for a cupán tae every Friday between 8:30-9:30. We would love to stay longer to chat but unfortunately the room is needed at 9:45 for one of the classes.*

*On December 17th, our school building is being used to host '**Songs of Protest and Rebellion**'. Admission is free and everyone is most welcome between 1-4pm. More information can be found on the Parent's Association notice board.*



***L.U.A.S-** unless there is heavy rain or ice the walking bus will continue through the winter on Wednesday and Fridays at 8am, leaving from Molloy's.*

As far as I'm aware, most classes are doing a small **collection** for their teacher. The class reps have offered to coordinate this. I would just like to say, this is by no means obligatory. We would never want any parents to feel under pressure to contribute, especially at this time of year.

Christmas raffle- A big thank you to all who donated prizes and to those who went collecting prizes from local businesses. This year all proceeds are going towards sports equipment for the school. Our raffle tickets will be sent out with the children in the coming days. The list of prizes will be posted on our Cairde Shliabh Rua Facebook page- lots of great prizes up for grabs.

One book of 10 tickets will be sent home with each family. More books will be available from Áine in the office- we are hoping you will need more! Tickets will cost 3euro each. The sold tickets stubs (with contact details on them) need to be sent back in to school, along with the money, no later than Monday 19th December. The stubs need to be returned so as they can be put in to the raffle drum on the day of the show. You can give these to Áine or one of your class reps.

I look forward to seeing you all on the day of the Christmas show.

Our **next CSR meeting** will be on Tuesday 24th January. All are welcome.

Emma Kirwan
Chairperson CSR