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Newsletter December 18th 2023

Dear parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well during this busy time.

The school will close on Friday December 22nd at 12.30pm. Please note that there will be no school bus at 12.30pm to collect the children. The school will reopen on Monday January 8th.

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place on **Tuesday, December 19th at 7.00pm** in the church. This year's performance is titled " The Christmas Jigsaw". The children are asked to be in the church by **6.50pm**. Any donations for the refreshments in the parish hall after the carol service will gladly be accepted on the day.

Our Christmas raffle will take place on Thursday, December 21st. Please return all raffle cards by Thursday morning (9.20am) to be in with a chance to win some fantastic prizes including a bicycle, Emerald park tickets, rugby tickets, a pass to the Naas races with dinner in the Panoramic restaurant, a family pass to the zoo, a tool box full of tools, a Fit Bit,100€ Smyths voucher,100€ sports direct voucher, restaurant vouchers for Grangecon Kitchen and Plur Pizza, Lego sets, voucher for a family day bowling and play in the Dome, butcher voucher, organic store voucher and some beautiful handcrafted toys.

Our school will be participating in the Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme, which aims to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables in January. The programme takes only a small amount of time in school but will result in health benefits for all who participate. Your child will automatically be included in this programme. However, if for any reason you do not want your child to take part (e.g. if they are allergic to a certain type of fruit or vegetable), we would be grateful if you could inform the school. Please find the links below for more information:

Junior Infants - First Class: EH493 D146 Junior Consent Letter Double Sided_AW 3.pdf

Second Class - Sixth Class: Senior Consent Letter.pdf

We will be having a **Christmas Jumper Day** in the school on **Thursday December 21st**. We are looking forward to a very special visitor to our school on this day. Many thanks to the Parent's Association for facilitating his visit. **The children do not have to wear their uniform for the last day of this term, Friday December 22nd, as we close at 12.30pm.**

Please find a link below to our curriculum evaluation report from our Geography inspection last October: Curriculum Evaluation Report: Geography October 2023 | Moone National School (stcolmcillesmoone.ie)

We are now taking admissions for Junior Infants for the 2024/2025 school year. Admissions forms will be available on our school website. The closing date for enrolment will be February 28th 2024. Admissions | Moone National School (stcolmcillesmoone.ie)

Well done to our school basketball teams who had victories over Churchtown NS. Both teams have finished top of their leagues and have qualified for the semi-finals in the new year.

Congratulations to Michael Tomlinson and Emma O'Meara who represented our school in the regional finals with their project "Homemade Battery" in the Regional Finals in TUD, Blanchardstown last Wednesday. They have qualified for the All-Irelands Finals which will take place next year.

Many thanks to all who have paid for the Music Generation lessons. The cost of these lessons are as follows: Junior Infants/Senior Infants/First Class/Second Class/Third Class €20, Fourth Class/Fifth Class/ Sixth Class €25 (€5 extra for guitar rental). The money can be paid to your child's class teacher or if you can pay by Bank Transfer.

Message from Natasha Geoghegan, Pastoral Worker, Moone Parish

Our Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy, will be at 5pm in Ss.Mary's & Laurence's Church, Crookstown. We are inviting you and your family to this liturgy. If your Son or daughter would like to read. Please contact Natasha Geoghegan on 0876730300. At this mass we always sing happy birthday to Jesus so if you like to make Jesus a happy birthday card, please bring it to the Church with you on the night. Looking forward to seeing you there.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

Kind regards



Mr. Darragh Flynn

Principal



<u>School Calendar 2023-2024</u>

December 19th : Christmas Carol Service 7pm

December 22nd : School closes for Christmas Holidays at 12.30pm

January 8th : School re-opens

February 5th : Bank holiday

February 15th -16th : February Mid-Term Break

March 1st: Confirmation for 6th class pupils

March 18th : St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday

March 22nd : School closes for the Easter Holidays at 12.30pm

April 8th : School re-opens

May 6th : May Bank Holiday

May 17th : First Holy Communion

May 29th – June 5th : Mid-Term Break

June 28th : School closes for summer holidays at 12.30pm