

St. Teresa's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

30th November 2020

Please find below relevant information for December 2020:

Unfortunately, due to current Government Covid restrictions the "Friends of St. Teresa's" Parent Support Committee are unable to organize the very popular and successful "Christmas Cake Sale" this year. However, they hope to organize another fundraising event later in the school year.

Christmas Raffle 2020

Our annual Christmas Raffle is always a very enjoyable and exciting occasion for all our pupils and we hope it will add to the "spirit" of Christmas this year!

In order to ensure the raffle promotes our "child-centred" ethos and proceeds within Covid DE Regulations and Guidelines, the Christmas Raffle will take a different format.

This year the prizes will consist of nine Children's "Themed" Christmas Hampers, we hope this will add to our pupils' enthusiasm and excitement!

Each class, Mrs Duffy's, Mrs Kelly's and Mrs Mc Court will raffle three of these Christmas Hampers:

THE "CUDDLY-COSY" CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The "Movie-Night" Christmas Hamper

The "Fun and Games" Christmas Hamper

One Raffle sheet will be given to each family on Tuesday 1st December 2020, the draw for the Christmas Hampers is scheduled to take place in each classroom on Thursday 17th December. We would appreciate if the raffle sheets are returned by Wed. 16th December.

We very much appreciate your support and generosity towards our annual Christmas Raffle, the money raised enables us to buy vital school resources we would be unable to purchase for our pupils. The money we received from the raffle last year enabled us to purchase 5 new Laptops, managed and maintained by the EA C2K ICT Team.

This year, we hope to purchase some new Ipads and Bee-bots, these ICT resources will be used by all our pupils in the Foundation Class, KS1 and KS2 classes.

Members of the "Friends of St. Teresa's" Committee are helping to prepare the Christmas Hampers, I would like to thank all members of our parent support group for their continued commitment and generosity to the school in assisting us to organize our successful and enjoyable fundraising Events and raise money to enable us to buy vital school resources.

Christmas Dinner

The School Christmas Dinner is scheduled to take place on Thursday 10th December 2020. This will be a non-uniform day, we invite all our pupils to wear a Christmas Jumper on this special day. In order to facilitate our staff Christmas Lunch, Bus children will go home at **12.40pm** and all other children will go home at **12.50pm**. The school bus will be available at this time. The cost of the dinner will be £2.60 and should be paid for on Tuesday 8th December.

Christmas Celebrations

On Friday the 18th December each class will celebrate the Christmas Season with fun and enjoyable Festive activities, such as, art & craft activities, games and a Christmas Party.

All pupils may wear their own clothes and bring one toy into school, with their parents' permission.

Christmas Holidays

The school is scheduled to finish for the Christmas Holidays on **Monday 21st December at 10.30am**, this is a non-uniform day, all pupils may wear their own clothes and bring one toy into school, with their parents' permission. The school bus will not be available at this time. Pupils will leave school in their family groupings, please adhere to social distancing guidelines at pupils' arrival and collection times.

The school will re-open on Monday 4th January 2020.

All staff have requested that parents do not purchase gifts for them this Christmas. We stress this without reservation. Staff appreciate the kindness and generosity shown to them over the years, however, we feel parents have enough expenses during the festive season and particularly during this challenging and difficult year. We very much appreciate all the support you give to our school. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to wish you all a very safe, happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours Faithfully, Sinead Mc Court

