

# St. Teresa's Primary School



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Dear Parents,

25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

I hope you are all well, it is hard to believe we are almost at the end of Term 1 and looking forward to the Christmas Festivities. Thanks to you all for your continued support and commitment to St Teresa's.

## Christmas Raffle 2021

Our annual Christmas Raffle is always a very enjoyable and exciting occasion for all our pupils and due to the great success of last year's raffle, this year's raffle will take the same format:-

The prizes will consist of **nine** Children's "Themed" Christmas Hampers, each class, Mrs Duffy's, Mrs Kelly's and Mrs Mc Court's 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 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021, the Draw for the Christmas Hampers is scheduled to take place in each classroom on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

We would appreciate if the raffle sheets are returned by Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our Christmas Raffle 2020 raised an outstanding amount of **£1350.00** and enabled us to purchase new Ipads, Beebots and some new Outdoor Play Equipment for the Foundation Class.

These new resources are extremely beneficial to our pupils and they also ensure their learning continues to be stimulating and enjoyable. 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.

### **Christmas Performances**

At this time of year there is usually great excitement as all our pupils would have been preparing for their Christmas performances which have always been very memorable celebrations for our School Community. Unfortunately, due to Covid Restrictions we are unable to put on our Christmas Performance again this year, however, all of the classes are going to perform a Christmas Song/Poem, which will be recorded and will be posted on our School Website over the course of the final full week of the term. We realise that this will not be the same as our annual Christmas Performances but hopefully it will bring some Christmas Cheer to all our homes.

### **Admission of New Pupils 2022/23**

Traditionally, we would have hosted an Open Day for prospective families and Reception/Primary One children during the month of December but unfortunately this year we are unable to do this. We will upload a short video on to our School Website later this month which will offer parents a glimpse of life in our school. Online applications for Reception and Primary One children open on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 until the 28th January 2022(12 noon), on the Education Authority website. Please encourage all prospective parents/guardians to visit our school website to learn more about our school. Parents/guardians can also contact the school to chat with me or arrange an appointment to come and walk around our school.

### **JD Hunters & Co Supermarket Cash for Schools Competition 2021**

JD Hunters & Co Supermarket, Markethill are running the "Cash for Schools" Competition this year again for local schools with St. Teresa's P.S. Tullyherron being one of the schools.

When a customer spends £40 in their supermarket they receive a "School Nomination Coupon", the school with the most coupons at the end of this Competition will receive a fabulous monetary prize. Please support St. Teresa's in this competition by shopping over the coming weeks in Hunters Supermarket and placing your Nomination Coupon in our School Box.

We very much appreciate all the support you give to our school, 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 these challenging and difficult times.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to wish you all a very safe, happy and peaceful Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation,

*Sinead Mc Court*

## Below is list of Christmas Events in December 2021 and Term 2:

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Primary 5, 6 & 7 Internet Safety Workshop - Consent Forms returned by Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b><u>Santa Daily Mile</u></b> - A Nation-Wide Daily Mile Event is taking place on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December. All Primary Schools around N.I. have been invited to "Get Moving" on the same day, to celebrate the positive benefits that daily activity can have on our mental health. All pupils will complete the Santa Daily Mile around our School Grounds on this day to participate in and celebrate this special event. <b>All Pupils are invited to wear a Santa Hat or Christmas Head Piece.</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><u>Christmas Dinner</u></b> - 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 <b>12.40pm</b> and all other children will go home at <b>12.50pm</b> . 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 7 <sup>th</sup> December.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b><u>Christmas Celebrations</u></b> On Monday the 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 bring one toy into school, with their parents' permission.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b><u>Christmas Holidays</u></b> begin on Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December @ 10.30 am - Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 (Inclusive) 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 be available at this time.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School re-opens for Term 2 on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	The Sacrament of First Holy Communion at 1pm in St. Teresa's Church, Tullyherron
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	The Sacrament of Confirmation at 1pm in St. Teresa's Church, Tullyherron

### **Internet Safety Workshop**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils will participate in an Internet Safety Workshop, delivered by REIM Training Solutions.

The purpose of the workshop is to highlight to the children the dangers that exist on the Internet and when they are communicating On-Line.

The Workshop will educate the children about how they can stay safe when they are using the Internet.

We also plan to organise a **Parent's Workshop** which will also be delivered by REIM Training Solutions via ZOOM. Further information will follow.

This Workshop will be very informative for parents and will give lots of advice in regards to keeping your child/ren safe online.

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Please sign to give your child permission to participate in the Internet Safety Workshop on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and return to Mrs Mc Court on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation,

Yours Faithfully,

Sinead Mc Court