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04/12/17

Dear Parent / Guardian,

APPOINTMENT / COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE

In the event of a parent wishing to contact their child's class teacher for any reason, the BOM requests that you adhere to the following requirements in the interest of ensuring uninterrupted learning, teacher preparation and adequate class supervision:

- *Any parent with concerns is encouraged to speak to their child's class teacher. Appointments to speak with class teachers can be made through the school office and a mutually convenient time can be arranged. Likewise, teachers wishing to speak to parents will organise meetings with you, as the need arises.*
- *Your child's homework journal, a note to class teacher or contact with school office should be used for incidental communication (e.g. trip to dentist, early collection from school, reason for unfinished homework etc.)*
- *For safety reasons, the school has a security system in place. It is necessary for all visitors, including parents, to report to the office via the security system, in order to gain entry to the school. **Visitors are not permitted to go directly to classrooms.***

Please also note that any meetings with the School Principal must be arranged by prior appointment through the school office. We thank parents/guardians for their co-operation in this regard.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

To celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, **all pupils** will attend **10.15am Mass** this **Friday, 8th December** in the **Sacred Heart Church, Minane Bridge**. We request that pupils wear their **main school uniform, including tie.**

ROAD SAFETY

Further to a previous Home/School Note, we would remind everyone to exercise vigilance and care in relation to Road Safety. This is particularly relevant to children walking to and from school on country roads. The Road Safety Authority (R.S.A.) recommends that children who walk to school should wear reflective armbands and/or Hi-Viz vests so that they may be visible to traffic. The Road Safety Authority website (www.rsa.ie), features many resources including an information leaflet entitled, 'Going to School', which may assist you in further exploring this topic with your child.

SWIMMING MONEY - THIRD TO SIXTH CLASSES

We wish to remind parents/guardians that this **Friday 8th December** is the **final date** for receipt of **total payment** for swimming.

CAROL SINGING

Pupils from 1st and 2nd Class are going to **Barry Collins' Super Valu Shopping Centre** in **Carrigaline** on **Tuesday 19th December** where they will perform a selection of Carols and Christmas songs. They will be in the shopping centre between **11.00am** and **1pm** so, if you are in the vicinity, please come along and give them your support. We would like to thank the Parents Association for organising this event and we would like to also express our gratitude to Mrs. Kielty and music teacher Conor O'Connell.

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CHRISTMAS TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME

Pupils are looking forward to their trip to the Pantomime on **Wednesday 20th December**. They will attend the **11am** performance of **'Beauty and the Beast'** at the **Everyman Palace**. We would like to thank the Parents Association who has kindly agreed to subsidise this trip by paying for the buses.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RECITAL

As previously advised, our School Christmas Recital will take place on **Thursday 21st December at 7.00pm** in the **Sacred Heart Church, Minane Bridge**. Pupils and staff are busy preparing for this festive occasion and we look forward to welcoming families on the night. We request that pupils wear their **main school uniform, including tie**, for this event. Please note that all children must be accompanied and supervised by parents/guardians.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association organises many events during the course of the school year e.g. Welcome Morning for New Parents, school rota for Tracton Lotto, social occasions and various other activities. Their fund-raising efforts subsidise activities for your children including recorder, swimming and school tours and facilitates the school in purchasing additional resources e.g. ICT equipment. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the P.A. for their recent fund raising efforts:-

- Clothes Collection
- Cake Sale
- Carol Singing
- Christmas Cards
- School Calendars

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Please note that school will close for the Christmas break on **Friday 22nd December at 12.30pm** and will re-open on **Monday 8th January, 2017**. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Con O'Callaghan
School Principal