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Nollaig Shona

On behalf of the pupils and staff, I would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to parents who took time out of their busy work schedules and come to the school to coach GAA skills this term. The pupils have really benefitted from the training sessions and are looking forward to more fun and learning again next term.

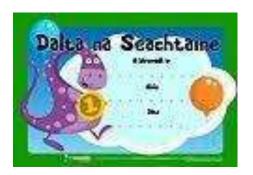
Thank you also to the parents who travelled to the GAA matches and swimming lessons. We are always delighted with parent/guardian assistance for school trips. A Garda Vetting form is attached should any parent be free to help at any stage next term.

Thank to you Josephine for the Godly Play each week. We look forward to continuing this in the New Year.

Thank you to the Parents' Association for all their support and help during the first term. We appreciate all the work you do for our school.

I would like to wish all the pupils and families a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 5th January.

Barry Millane



Dalta na Seachtaine

Juniors: Aidan Dillon & Alex Meehan

<u>Seniors:</u> Donnachadh Hassett *Ist Class*: Sadie McMahon

2nd Class: Moya Hanrahan & Kayla Murphy

<u>3rd Class:</u> Gearóid McNamara & Darragh Donnellan

4th Class: Ryan Vaughan & Sarah Harkin 5^h Class: Evan Wherrett & Leah White Kelly 6th Class: Clodagh Harkin & Shaun Woods



Christmas Carols

Well done to all the pupils in our school who treated everyone to a wonderful start to Christmas yesterday in the school yard with Christmas carols and traditional Irish music. The pupils had lots of fun preparing for this over the past few weeks and really enjoyed entertaining their family and friends who had come to support them. Thank you to everyone who came yesterday. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the pupils did.



Christmas Decorations

Well done to all the pupils from Juniors to 6th class who made magnificent efforts with their Christmas decorations this year. The pupils' imagination and creativity must be commended. Unfortunately, there could only be one winner in each class but well done to everyone on their excellent participation, it was a great way for everyone to get into the festive spirit.

Juniors: Hannah Collins
Seniors: Liam Meehan

1st Class: Arwen Keane
2nd Class: Landon Morrish
3rd Class: Ella O'Donnell
4th Class: Clodagh Moroney
5th Class: Éadaoin Barry
6th Class: Reece Corbett



Aladdin Communication Update

To ensure that all parents/guardians are receiving emails/Aladdin notices or texts please check that all parent/guardian/emergency's contact details (mobile number, email address) in Aladdin are correct and updated. Please email crusheen@crusheennns.com if you have changed your mobile number or home address.

New Phone, Same Number

If you have already registered for Aladdin Connect and had the Connect app set up on your old phone, you simply need to download the Connect App to your new phone and re-validate your mobile number https://apps.apple.com/ie/app/aladdin-schools-connect/id1314919034 You need to re-validate your mobile number to ensure continued communication from the school.



Crusheen NS is now taking enrolments for children that will be starting school with us in September 2023. Parents can download our enrolment form on our school website http://www.crusheenns.net/2022-23-enrolment-information.html and email/post it to the school. Alternatively, you can contact the school at 065 6827183 and request to have an enrolment form sent to you or you can email crusheen@crusheenns.com.



Travelling Christmas Crib

Families are invited to take part in the Travelling Crib Tradition. It involves taking Mary and Joseph into your home for one night as they look for a place to stay before the birth of Baby Jesus. On the following day you will pass the Travelling Crib on to the next home. If you are interested please contact Josephine, at 086 8810889.

REGENERON science to medicine ®

Regeneron Donation

Thank you to Regeneron, Limerick who donated six refurbished laptops to the school. The laptops have been distributed to the classes and will be used for AR and STEM class work. Thank you to Niamh Perill who organised this donation.



Parent/Teacher Meeting – January 2023

Parent/Teacher meetings have been scheduled for the week of Monday 16th January 2023.

Parent/Guardian are asked to log on to Aladdin portal and click on Connect and check out what date and slots are available. Please see attached guide to booking a meeting.



Parents Internet Safety Talk

Thank you to the parents who attended the Internet Safety webinar for parents via zoom on Monday 12th December at 7.00 p.m.



A notice from the HSE has been circulated to parent/guardians regarding the iGAS (Strep A) infection. The most important ways to prevent the spread of all infections are:

- making sure anyone unwell stays at home.
- children and adults are up to date with their recommended vaccines, including flu.

Hand hygiene will continue to be a regular part of the school day. Please continue to send a small hand-towel in a bag with your child for drying hands.



Visit of HSE to Junior Infants

The <u>Health Service Executive</u> (HSE) provides a school screening programme to check children's health, including their hearing and eyesight. The HSE will carry out their health screening check for junior infants on **Monday 16**th **January, 2023**.

School Bank Details

Thank you to parents who have paid fees to date. Please note the new school bank account since September 2022 is Bank of Ireland - IBAN - IE16BOFI90421076377090 Please do not transfer money into Ulster Bank account IE13ULSB98568061563044 and remove this account from your device as it is closed. Parents are asked to check their money paid on Aladdin portal. If money paid is not recorded please email crusheen@crusheennns.com

Reminder: 1st to 6th Classes Home Time
From Thursday 5th January to Friday 3rd February the following will apply for home time collections: Pupils with surnames A - L: 2.55 p.m. Pupils with surnames M - Z: 3.00 p.m.



First Confession Ceremony

The First Confession Ceremony for First Holy Communion candidates in 2nd class will take place on Wednesday, 1st March 2023 at 8.00 p.m. in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen.

Headlice

Please find attached a useful link on how to deal with lice. https://www.schooldays.ie/articles/Dealing-withhead-lice



Keeping children safe at the school gate

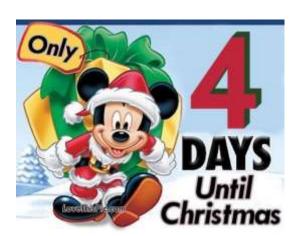
Some simple things you can do to help keep children safe around the school gate are as follows:

- Drive safely and obey the speed limits.
- Park so that your child can leave the car on the footpath side away from traffic.
- Pay attention to other children at the side and behind your car when parking, dropping off or setting off.
- Park so you don't block the flow of traffic or access for emergency vehicles (don't double park).
- Do not stop or park where there are yellow zig-zag lines along the edge of the road
- Do not park in a way that would block the school entrance or exit, residents' driveways or junctions.
- Do not park at bus stops or private parking spots.



Support Crusheen Community Centre

Please consider buying a brick, www.crusheencc.ie Thank you for supporting the Crusheen Community Centre weekly lotto draw. Your contribution will help towards making necessary improvements to our halla. This link will allow you to purchase tickets for yourself or a friend, https://bit.ly/310vlkX





Upcoming School Events

January

- Thursday 5th January 2023 School will reopen. Thursday 12th January, BLAST Arts in the Halla
- for Junior Infants, Seniors Infants, 1st & 2nd Classes.
- Monday 16th January Visit of HSE Health screening to Junior Infants
- Monday 16th January Parent/Teacher Meetings Monday 16th January to March 2023 French Lessons for one hour a week for 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes for 8 weeks.
- January/February Marion Keane Basketball Tournament 2023.

February

- Monday 6th February, 2023 St. Brigids Day School closed.
- Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February, 2023 -Mid term-School closed.

March

- Wednesday, 1st March 2023 First Confession for First Holy Communion pupils in 2nd Class at 8.00 p.m. in St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen.
- Friday 17th March, 2023 St. Patricks Day -School closed.

