



## St. Columba's N.S.,

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Dear Parents,

### **Bag Pack**

Thank you to all who helped with the Bag Pack. The total sum raised was €1,213.00.

### **Cooking with Eleanor**

Thank you to Eleanor O'Toole who is very generously baking with all of our classes. We look forward to welcoming her back in the New Year.

### **Christmas Concert**

Thank you to all for your support of the Christmas Concert. The children had great fun performing for their families. Our retiring collection raised €420.

### **Christmas Party and Pantomime**

The Christmas Party and Pantomime were on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Great fun was had by all. Thank you to our helpers on the day. Photos may be viewed on our website.

### **Swimming**

Swimming will resume for all classes on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. School will close at 2pm each Thursday from 9<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please collect your children promptly at 2pm if they are not swimming. The swimming bus will return to school at approximately 4.30pm each Thursday. Swimming will cost €80 per child or €120 per family. Infant children must be accompanied by an adult to help with changing at the pool. As children will be the responsibility of the school during swimming time, we respectfully request that parents do not take children to the shop during swimming time. Please inform the teacher on duty if you are collecting your child from the swimming pool before you leave the pool. No electronic devices are allowed on the bus – e.g. phones, games, tablets etc.

Rugby and GAA will take a break during this time and will resume after swimming in March.

### **Non-perishable food collection**

We will hold a non-perishable food collection on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Tullow Area St. Vincent de Paul.

### **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to Kieran Callaghan on the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Callaghan, to the Kamassa Family on the death of Danuta's mother in Poland and to the O'Rourke Family on the death of Hazel's mother, Mrs. Agar.

### **Christmas Holidays**

School will close at 12 noon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 9.20am.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support during the school year. On behalf of all at St. Columba's N.S., I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Carpenter.