

St. Columba's N.S.,

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5th December, 2016

Dear Parents,

Friday 9th December, 2016

Pupils from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes will attend the performance of Robin Hood in the Gaiety Theatre. The bus will leave the school at 8.45 am (sharp). The show begins at 11.00am. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch. They do not need any pocket money as they will not be allowed into any shops. We expect to arrive back to school at approximately 4pm. Please note that electronic devices (mobile phones, etc) are not permitted. We hope it will be an enjoyable day out for all.

Sunday 11th December, 2016

The PTA invites pupils, parents and friends to the Annual Christmas Walk on Sunday 11th December, 2016 in Altamont Gardens. After the walk there will be mulled wine, mince pies and hot chocolate! All monies raised from the sponsorship cards will go towards PTA funds for the children. Extra cards are available from the school office. Everyone is welcome. Meeting time in the car park is 2.30 p.m. Thanks to the OPW and Altamont Gardens for allowing us to hold the event.

13th December, 2016

Johanna Austin will visit all classes in the school with The Christmas Story.

15th December, 2016

On Thursday 15th December the pupils will take part in their Christmas Carols and Songs Concert in St. Columba's Church, Tullow at 7.00 p.m. Please let teachers know if your child/children is unable to attend.

15th December, 2016

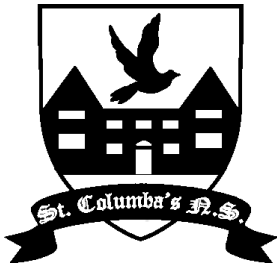
There will be a collection box in the School Hall for non-perishable items for the local St. Vincent de Paul.

16th December, 2016

The Christmas Party for Infants, 1st and 2nd classes will be held in the school on Friday 16th December during school hours.

22nd December, 2016

The school closes at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays and will reopen on Monday 9th January, 2017 at 9.30 a.m.



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Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will be arranged in January to take place in February, 2017.

Note from Neville Caldbeck, Chairperson of Board of Management

Thank you to parents for their support with prizes, cakes and sandwiches for the Whist Drive on 29/11/16. A special word of thanks to Mildred Thackaberry, Michelle Hunter Garland and Leanne Bryan who did a tremendous amount of work on the night preparing trays and the colossal workload of washing up and tidying afterwards.

A profit of €805 was made on the night which goes towards classroom supplies in the school.

Teaching Practice

Ms. Samantha Ansell will be in Ms. Bryan's Room in January for Teaching Practice.

Child Protection Policy 2016-2017

The Board of Management of St. Columba's N.S. wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's child protection was completed at the Board meeting of 5th October, 2016.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 2 of the Department's 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools'.

Sympathy

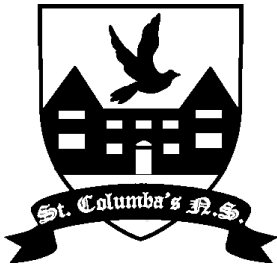
We extend our sympathy to the Garland Family on the recent death of Mrs. Garland, James's mother, in England.

Hand, Foot and Mouth

There has been a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth in school. Please read the attached leaflet from the HSE. If you have any further enquiries please contact your doctor.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Carpenter,
Principal.



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Secondary Education Committee

Mr. Johnny Honner, Administrator of SEC asked for the following notice to be shared with parents.

Grant Aid for Post Primary Pupils?

You Could Qualify!!!

- You may be eligible for a grant if your child is attending or plans to attend a Protestant managed Post Primary School participating in the 'block grant' scheme.
- The purpose of the scheme is to assist necessitous children of the Protestant community in accessing second level education in a school that accords with their religious ethos.
- Grants are funded by the D.E.S. and applications are means tested.
- Grant Assistance available may cover up to 50% of the fees in Dublin schools and about 90% in some of the country schools.
- Application Forms are available directly from the school of your choice.
- Closing date for applications is 28th February 2017 for the school year commencing August '17.

Info: secgrant@gmail.com / Secondary Education Committee, C/O Church House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6

Thank you for taking the time to do this.

Regards

Yours faithfully,

Johnny Honner

JOHNNY HONNER, ADMINISTRATOR

SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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