



Clocha Rince NS

January 2017 Newsletter

Calendar

Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th Feb

Fri 17th March

Fri 7th April

School closed for Mid-term

School closed for St. Patrick's Day

School closes at 12.30pm for Easter Break

Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome Ms Murphy back from maternity leave. We know the children will benefit greatly from her professional approach and caring nature in Learning Support.

Christmas Concert & Annual Christmas Raffle

Thanks to all the staff and pupils for their great work with this year's Christmas concert which had the theme of 'Traditional'. It was an excellent occasion for all and the staff are to be commended for the high standard of preparation undertaken in order that the evening ran smoothly. Thanks to all of you for selling the tickets for our raffle. The winners were 1st Prize - Caroline Szymanski, 2nd Prize - Stephen Darby and 3rd Prize, Mikey Barea with seller's prize going to Sinéad Nolan. Well done to all. The Board thanks you most sincerely for your continued support of the school.

Christmas Mass and Santa's Visit

Thanks to our fantastic parents who organised Santa's visit to our school. It was a lovely way to end the term for all the children and your hard work and efforts do not go unnoticed.

Thanks to the teaching staff for a beautiful and meaningful Christmas Mass. In particular a special word of thanks to Mrs McCarthy for co-ordinating the service and to Ms Mhic Sheoin for co-ordinating the music.

Enrolments for September 2017

It's that time of year again and the school is seeking enrolments for the 2017/18 school year. If your child is due to begin school in September please call to Liz in the office for an enrolment form. If you are unable to collect one, phone Liz on (046) 9553428 or email her at secretary@clocharince.ie and she will forward one to your address.

If you know any relatives or neighbours who have children due to begin in September who might require a form please give the details of the school to them so that they may apply for a place.

Infant Parent Teacher Meetings

The Parent Teacher Meetings for Junior & Senior Infants will take place in mid-February and the dates will be confirmed shortly. Classes for **Junior & Senior Infants will end at 12pm** on the days of the meetings.

Meetings will begin at 12:30pm. Liz will send you an appointment time in the coming weeks.

Peace Proms

Best of luck to the pupils on our school choir who will perform at the Peace Proms 2pm concert on Sunday 5th February 2017 in RDS, Dublin. The tickets can be purchased through www.peaceproms.com. Please ensure you purchase your tickets for the 2pm concert as there is another concert that day. Thanks to Ms. Mhic Sheoin for her work with the choir to date.

Cyber Bullying Workshop

The children from 5th and 6th Class will receive a workshop on 'Cyber Bullying' as part of the school's strategy to promote awareness of anti-bullying and positive behaviour. The workshop takes place on Monday 6th February. The workshop will be conducted by Ger Brick and will give the children strategies to help prevent and deal with the possibility of cyber-bullying.

The staff will also be receiving a workshop after school to assist them with the teaching of this area and to help develop strategies to assist the children with cyber-bullying should it arise.

Can Recycling

The school is still collecting aluminium drinks cans for recycling. If you have cans from Christmas, please collect them up and send to the school in sealed plastic bags. We will then arrange for them to be collected if there is a sufficient quantity. This will also help raise some funds for our school.

School Playground

The works to place safety surface under the slide will begin this weekend. It will take a couple of days to complete so while the works are in operation the slide area will have a barrier around it for the duration. No works will take place during school hours and it is hoped that it will be completed by the weekend of 21st January. The funds that were raised from the hunt will be used to complete this section. Unfortunately, due to the vast size of the playground this is the only section we can afford to complete in this high quality surface at the moment.

Parking in school grounds

The school are preparing for participation in Cumann na mBunscol games in football, hurling and camogie. The events will begin shortly and details will follow.



Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week runs from Monday 30th January - Friday 3rd February. There will be a series of events in our school that week to celebrate our faith and school ethos. **Grandparents' Day** will take place on Wednesday 1st February. The pupils may invite in their grandparents to the school following the 10am Mass. Grandparents will be welcomed with a cup of tea in the Hall and will then be met by their grandchildren who will escort them to their class for a 10 minute visit. Pupils with a grandparent who has passed away may wish to bring in a photo to class or may write their name and place it in our Prayer Box which will be brought to mass that morning.



PA News

Santa Visit

Santa arrived to the school on the last day of term and it was a lovely event for the children and Santa. The elves were delighted that all the children were trying very hard to be good.

Student Council News

The Student Council will be hosting a Valentine's Cake Sale to raise funds for soft footballs, skipping ropes and other playground equipment for the classrooms. The items purchased will be separate from the PE resources and will be available for the children to take to the yard at break-times. It is hoped to raise enough money to have a supply in each classroom for their sole use.

Further details will be issued before the event. The Student Council are looking forward to your support.