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### Christmas Concert Dates

As it is our turn to produce the Christmas Concert this year, we are now beginning to plan for December. There will be two shows, a matinée for the Senior School on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and a night time performance for parents and families on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Please note these very important dates in your diaries! **If you will not be around for these dates, please inform the class teacher as soon as possible.**

There will be more information in the December newsletter.



### Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings

Junior Infant parents, please check your child's bag for information about the parent teacher meetings next week. I know that the junior infant teachers are looking forward to meeting with you.

### Thank You!

Maths week was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all our pupils recently. Every child experienced lots of extra fun maths activities over the course of the week including Maths' Trails. Many parents helped out with the Maths' Trails in their children's classes and this was no doubt the highlight of the week! We would like to extend our thanks to all involved. Looking forward to next year already.

The Parent's Association held a hugely successful **Halloween Cake Sale** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Many thanks to all those who helped out on the day. We wish to extend thanks to all parents for your efforts in making and donating the cakes also. Everyone enjoyed it immensely!

### Course for Parents

**Mondays:** 9.00 -11.00 Free English classes

**Mondays:** Walking Group - leaving from the Parents' Room at 9.05

**Tuesdays:** 9.00 - 11.00 free Computer classes in computer room in senior school

**Tuesdays:** 9.00 - 11.00 Incredible Years Parenting Programme - a number of places still available

**Tuesdays:** 9.00 -11.00 Woodwork group in woodwork room at the back of the hall - contact Shane

**Thursdays:** 9.00 -11.00 Gardening Group

**Fridays:** 9.00 -12.00 Craft Group

These courses and activities are open to all parents.

Feel free to give Barbara or Shane a call on **086 6040686** if you are interested in any of the courses or activities.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help with costumes for the Christmas concert - please give your name at reception and we will be in contact with you.

### Tracksuits

As the days get colder, pupils have permission to wear the school tracksuit every day for December and January. We will see how the weather is in February!

On Friday, pupils can wear something red to school as awareness of the need to tackle racism. We will be talking to pupils about how important it is to treat everyone well, regardless of skin colour, religion or nationality.

### Bag pack

We will have our annual bag packing in Dunnes on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December and need lots of volunteers to help on that day. The more volunteers that we have, the less time that we all have to spend packing! Please give your name at reception and let us know what time you are available on the day.

### Active Schools

For those of you who eat Heinz beans we are asking you to collect the tokens on the tins to help us to receive free sports' equipment for your child's class. I am sure that grandparents, aunts and uncles and neighbours who eat Heinz beans would help too! Tokens can be left at reception.