

Coralstown National School

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Christmas Carol Service: As everyone is aware all community Christmas celebrations have been cancelled due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. However here in Coralstown N.S. we have tried to celebrate Christmas as close as possible to what we usually do. All classes have prepared Christmas entertainment which will be played on Monday 21st in each room because we cannot meet collectively in the GP Room. We are also having a prayer service on Tuesday where each class will watch from their own classroom to celebrate the Christmas story.



Lagan Cement Art Competition: Thank you to Breedon Cement for hosting the recent Art Competition and for their very generous prizes. Again due to Covid 19 there was no presentation in the G.P. room, instead each class received their prizes from Mrs Daly & Sue. There was, as always, great excitement and anticipation for the event. Congratulations to all the children for the beautiful array of Art pictures: it was and always is very difficult to pick winners.



At the time of writing all Parent Teacher meetings have been completed. We would like to thank you for your co-operation in facilitating the meetings by telephone. As always if, at any time you have a concern or you would like to speak to a teacher, please contact the office between 9.30 am and 1.30 pm and we will arrange a return call.



The Parents Association who have always been active and very supportive to us here in Coralstown N.S. have also had a difficult time because of Covid 19. We value the huge support they provide to the school and we greatly miss their involvement. The PA have not had the opportunity to run their usual activities to help them raise funds and this will impact on their activities going forward. We hope to have a non-uniform day on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December where children may wear Christmas jumpers or something colourful, if they wish. The cost is €2, with all funds going to the Parents Association. We would also appreciate if payment could be made on the Aladdin App as we don't want any cash in the school building over the Christmas period.



We are delighted to still see children cycling and being active. However on these dark winter mornings and evenings we would like to remind people to be aware that there may be children cycling to and from school. We ask Parents and Guardians to remind children regularly of the safety rules of the road and if any child requires a high-vis jacket please ask Sue as there are plenty available in the school. No child should cycle without a high-vis jacket or a helmet.



At a recent Board of Management Meeting Board members expressed their 'Thanks' to the teaching staff of the school for the diligence, dedication and understanding in facing the challenges presented by Covid 19. The procedures for dealing with Covid have impacted on everyone in the school community and responsibility for implementing them and for ensuring the procedures are adhered to has fallen largely on the class teachers. The Board would like to acknowledge this and to thank all staff for all their hard work in this area.



Dates for your Diary:

School closes – Tuesday 22nd December @ 12 noon

School re-opens - Wednesday 6th January



We would like to thank everyone for all the help, support and generosity in 2020 and we look forward to 2021 and to working with you all again.

Finally I would also like to convey my sincere 'Thanks' to the whole school community for all your co-operation and goodwill as we navigate our way through the Covid 19 pandemic. We hope and pray that 2021 will bring some relief to the situation we all find ourselves in. I wish you all a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas.

Is mise le meas,
Mary Daly, Príomh Oide

Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh!

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