

A Christmas thought



You are like a light for the whole world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
No one lights a lamp and puts it under a
bowl, instead you put it on the lamp
stand where it gives light for everyone
in the house. In the same way your light
must shine before people, so that they
will see the good things you do and
praise your father in heaven.

(Mt. 5: 14 – 17)

Be a light for the good news.
Have a happy peaceful and loving
Christmas.

Temple Street

Santa's visit on December 6th was very exciting and the school raised over €300 for Temple Street Hospital. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and especially to each child who brought in a coin.

Christmas presents for staff

Everyone likes to be appreciated. There is a great tradition of showing appreciation to teachers in the school. We are actively encouraging parents to show compassion and appreciation by making a donation to a local charity and writing to the teacher. Alternatively parents are asked to send a coin to school on Wednesday December 20th to show their appreciation for the work of the staff. We will donate the coins sent in to St. Vincent de Paul. Children are welcome to make a card for teacher. Money saved on buying cards could also be given to charity



Witches Walk

The final figure raised for the Witches Walk was €5,900. Great credit is due to all who contributed so generously. We really need the help and the money will be spent carefully.

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Christmas Nativity Invitation

Junior Infant children will perform in the Christmas Nativity on **Thursday December 14th at 11.30 a.m.** All parents are welcome to attend at 11:20 and get a little sense of the Christmas. The Nativity will be performed in Cill Mhuire and all the children in the school will be present.

News of the Shoe box appeal

The children made a very generous response to the Shoe Box appeal. We sent 210 boxes to the children in Eastern Europe and Africa.

New Principal

We welcome our new Principal Mrs. Caitlin O'Connor who is due to commence her new role on Monday 19th February 2018. She visited the school and met with the children and staff.

Important Dates

Christmas holidays:

School closes Friday December 22nd at 12.00pm

School reopens Monday January 8th at 8.55am



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Junior Infant applications

If you have not already applied please go to the Parish Centre to complete an application form between now and **December 21st 2017**.

We may have a cut off date this year and it is important to give parents adequate notice so that they can make provision for the 17/18 school year. The applications committee will work to have offers made to pupils by the end of February 2017

Parent teacher meetings

Over 95% of parents have met with their child's class teacher. We are grateful to parents for making a special effort to come to the school to meet with the teacher. This is a valuable communication opportunity and the children love it when Mum or Dad come to school to see teacher. Many thanks to all. If you have not managed to speak with teacher we will be in contact after Christmas.

Communications

We are trying to increase the number of newsletters issued to parents on www.scmj.ie. Because of the cut in our In School Management team, newsletters will only be issued every quarter. Thanks to Louise Morbin, chairperson of the Parent's Council for making them so attractive. Communication with parents via text message is our most common form of communication and they are proving to be a more effective way of communicating with parents.

Appointments

Teachers and children are trying get on with the work in class. Too many interruptions do not help this work. Children should be dropped at their classroom door and should go into the class themselves.

If you have a **serious matter** that is causing you concern about your child, please **write a note to seek an appointment**. What you might think will only take the proverbial 'two minutes' might be just one of several such interruptions in one morning.

Teacher can deal with your concern properly when they were expecting you. It also helps the teacher to plan so that class work is not interrupted unnecessarily.

Managing our behaviour in

Scoil Mhuire

Each person in the school community is guided by the following six rules in managing behaviour.

1. I will be kind. I will not hurt others feelings.
2. I will be gentle. I will not hurt others physically.
3. I will listen. I will not interrupt.
4. I will be honest. I will not hide the truth.
5. I will work hard. I will not disturb others.
6. I will look after property. I will not damage property.

Parents Council

Christmas is always a busy time of year for the Parents Council. We have a visit planned by Mr & Mrs. Claus on Wednesday 20th Dec followed by the Moon and Sixpence Puppet Theatre on Thursday 21st Dec. In the new year we will be fundraising for a defibrillator for our school so we will be looking for volunteers for that! If you would like to volunteer please contact us on parents.council@scmj.ie