



## Newsletter December 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

### School Pick ups

We have noticed in recent months the number of boys leaving school early for appointments or other has increased hugely. (this is outside of pickups due to sickness)

We appreciate that this is necessary at times and we always accommodate same.

However, we are asking you if an early pick up is necessary please collect your child just before their lunch break as this is the least disturbing time for the class and the class teacher.

Junior class Breaks: 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> class 10 35am (includes 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> class spit)

12 35pm

Senior class breaks: 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class 11am

1pm

Please time your pickups insofar as possible to coordinate with the 5-10 mins **before** break times. This causes the least distraction. Thank you.

Please note on occasion this won't be possible for you and we understand that.



A Big Thank you to the Galway Clinic for their generous gift of selection boxes and donation towards our school band- this is greatly appreciated. We are once again very disappointed not to have had the opportunity to bring the boys to sing at their annual outing to the Clinic, Hopefully we will be able to continue with this long standing tradition next year.



Santa's virtual visit will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Boys can wear their Christmas Jumpers. Thank you to the PA for supporting this event. Treats will be given by Santa.



## Flu Vaccine

All Children aged 2-17 can get free Flu Vaccine

The nasal flu vaccine is now available in pharmacies and participating GP practices. It is a safe, easy and pain free way to help protect children against flu this winter.

Children are twice as likely to get flu than adults are. While most children who get flu will have mild symptoms, some children can get complications such as pneumonia or bronchitis.



Online Panto  
day in Scoil  
Iósaif Naofa  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Dec. – During  
school hours

Buy your ticket

#### Panto Ticket

*Prior to Covid entering our lives the Parents Association ran a cake sale as well as other fundraising events in order to raise money for the school. This year we once again find ourselves in a situation where we are not in a position to host our usual annual cake sale or ask for donations on attending shows etc.*

*In order to try and keep afloat and be in a position to purchase outside the remit of the standard grants from the Department we are unfortunately in a position to have to keep fundraising at the top of our PA Agendas at all times.*

*To help us fundraise this year, we are asking you to buy a ticket for your child to attend an 'online Panto' from the Helix in Dublin. This was a huge success last year, the boys receive a 'treat bag' organized by the Parents Association, children can dress up in their 'Panto finest/Christmas Jumpers' for the occasion and their entry ticket will automatically enter them into a draw. A signed Connacht rugby Jersey is a top Prize!*

*Link to purchase ticket will be sent via the office to pay online.*

*We appreciate your generosity at this time.*



School Lotto

**Christmas Draw - Fantastic prizes to be won!**

*Great News! Everyone who has a ticket in our weekly fundraiser lotto on Thursday 16th December will have a chance to win some fantastic prizes including:*

- A Super family break for 3 days at the Center Parcs Holiday Village, Longford Forest
- 3 PlayStation 5's (one per winner)

**And also our school fundraiser lotto jackpot prize**

It's really easy to enter, just visit our fundraiser site and

join <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/oranmoreboysns>

Please spread the word and share this with family and friends. Good luck in the draw!

**Click Link above to be in with a chance.**



## Fundraising

All fundraising this year via the Lotto (82 families signed up) will contribute towards our new Sensory Garden planned for 2022-2023.



## Air Filters

Currently we are researching the purchase of air filters for our classrooms. The Department of education are only this week beginning to let us know they will provide **some level of funding** towards same.

The Parents Association have generously said they will support the school in contributing to the purchase of these air filters also.

If anyone is in a position that they'd like to sponsor the purchasing of a filter via their work/business or other, we'd be more than grateful. Someone may even be in the business and may be able to offer a discount!

## Christmas Cards

Unfortunately, the children's Christmas cards will not be available this year. We had huge issues with couriers etc and because we still haven't received the samples we have run out of time to order and get them back before we finish up for Christmas.

We are still trying to locate the box of samples with the courier and hopefully when found we will send home the sample card your son made, a nice memento to hold onto.