



## Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023



### Dates to Remember

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - 2<sup>st</sup> class Communion Preparation Mass - Saturday 5 20pm.

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Last date to order Christmas Cards online. No orders taken via school – see message below.

**15<sup>th</sup> November** – last date to order Folens Christmas annuals – please put €4 in an envelope with your child's name and class teacher

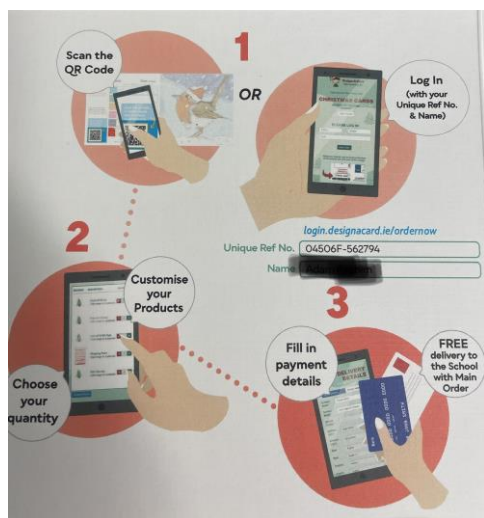
### Parent Teacher Meetings



Many thanks to all the parents who met with class teachers for their annual PT meetings prior to Mid term. We hope you found them beneficial and allow you to support your child in their learning.

For any parent who could not meet with teachers prior to mid term, please contact your class teacher via the Aladdin communication app and your teacher will try and accommodate you over coming days/weeks.

## Christmas Cards



This year we have changed our ordering process.

Your child will come home this week with their sample Christmas Card. You may keep this card.

IF YOU WISH TO ORDER CARDS PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS On THE SAMPLE CARD. (it can only be ordered online by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November)

Scan code – log in using details on your child’s sample card.

Ordering can be done up until Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> November – No late orders accepted.



If your child would like to purchase a Christmas annual, please send in 4€ in an envelope by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please send in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class teacher - Spraoi for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class, Siamsa for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class, Sonas for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class



### **Sports Update -**

Best of luck to the boys and their coaches who are participating in the football county final today.

\*\*See our facebook page for updates throughout the week.

### **Buildings Update**



Currently the footpath along by the wooded area is being widened to allow for better visibility and much needed safety for our students and the wider community. It will be a shared cycle/footpath space.

This week the county council decided that the existing front wall will be knocked as the condition of the wall is poor. A fence will run along the inside of the widened path.

We continue to work closely with the 'Safer route to school scheme' in order to continue with our endeavours to ensure the front of our school becomes a safer area.

Last week the builders came on site to start work on 2 new classrooms. A mainstream classroom and an SET classroom. Hopefully these will be ready to use by Christmas.

We have just reached the end of a very long project, recently completed by Mid West Fire and Security.

Our old school building which houses 7 out of our 11 mainstream classes has been completely retrofitted with a new heating system along with a new electrical fit out.

Much to everyone's delight the heating system was finally ready to go on Monday.

### Parents Association

A big thank you to the Parents Association and volunteers who helped on the day of the midterm holidays for their efforts in organising the annual Halloween cake sale. See our facebook page /website for further photos.





Team Hope

Please send in any filled shoe boxes this week. Collection date is Friday (10<sup>th</sup> November)

<https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/>

Above is the link again for anyone requiring extra information.

Minister for Education – Norma Foley

<https://jrnl.ie/6214894>

There has been much talk in recent weeks about schools and the part they play in discouraging primary school children from having smart phones. The most recent article is linked above.

The Department is currently drawing up guidelines for primary schools and parents' associations who wish to introduce a voluntary 'no smart phone code'

We are waiting supports from the Department.