

### Early Collection

Please do not remove your child from school before closing time except in an emergency. When collected before closing time a child must be signed out by an adult and the reason for early collection must be given. A note signed by a legal parent/guardian is required when a child is being collected by a person under 18 years of age. This is in the interest of your child's safety.

### Library News!

We have very close links with our local library in The Square complex. The library offers a wide range of facilities, books, DVDs, use of computers also activities for children. The staff are extremely friendly, supportive and keen to keep this contact with the school. It would be of great benefit to your child's education if you visit the library regularly. Membership is free! Opening hours are as follows:



Closed Saturdays and Mondays of Bank Holiday Weekends

- Mon: 9.45 - 8.00
- Tues: 9.45 - 8.00
- Wed: 9.45 - 8.00
- Thurs: 9.45 - 8.00
- Fri: 9.45 - 4.30
- Sat: 9.45 - 4.30

*Please use the Tesco exit from The Square and follow the pedestrian walkway to the Library.*

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As you are aware we have been working on Literacy and Numeracy over the last few years. We will be looking at Gaeilge as our third subject area as agreed by parents and teachers.

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Best wishes,

Martin Morris  
Principal



# Newsletter Croí Ró Naofa J.N.S

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Nov / Dec'15

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have 6 busy weeks up to Christmas. The staff and I look forward to your continued support during these weeks especially with your child's attendance and homework. The very important Parent/Teacher meeting will take place for senior infants, 1st and 2nd classes. You are all very welcome to join us later on at our advent and carol services and Christmas concert.

### SCHOOL CLOSURES & HOLIDAY DATES

Tuesday 22nd December: Christmas Holidays School closes at 12.15

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January : New Term School re-opens at 9.00 am

### Parent / Teacher Meetings

Senior Infants : Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th Nov.

First Class: Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th Nov.

Second Class: Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th Nov.

Parent/Teacher meetings for all of the above listed classes will take place over the two day period of Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th November except Ms Gunning's class who will have their meeting on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November. Senior infants will go home at their normal time of 1.40 p.m. on both days. First and Second classes will go home at 2.25p.m. on both days. You will receive an individual note from your child's class teacher with the date and time of your meeting. Please make a huge effort to attend. The meeting is a wonderful opportunity for you and the teacher to share information in your child's best interest.

### Advent Services & Carol Service

The dates and times for Advent services are as follows:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Junior & Senior Infants

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 10.50

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes at 11.10

### Carol Service

The fourth and final service will take place in the Church on : Monday 21st December at 11.15am as part of the Carol Service in the Church. You are very welcome to join us at any or all of our services. They are a real insight to the true meaning of Christmas.



### MOBILE PHONE REMINDER

We ask you kindly to switch off your mobile phone for the duration of all meetings with school staff.



[www.sacredheartjns.ie](http://www.sacredheartjns.ie)



Our new school website is up and running now.

You can login on to [www.sacredheartjns.ie](http://www.sacredheartjns.ie)

where you will get up to date information - newsletters, calendar of events coming up and what's happening in the different class groupings.

Junior Infant Parent /Teacher meetings will take place early in the new year.

Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Children

Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Children ( 2nd class children) will take place on:

Saturday 21st November @ 6.30 pm Mass



### Green School Corner

We are now working towards our 5th Green Flag which is on the theme of Biodiversity.

*“Biodiversity is the variation of all life forms, the tiniest of bugs to the plants they feed on, to the biggest whales in the sea. Biodiversity keeps us alive, therefore it is vital we conserve it.”*

*So keep an eye out for all the work the children are doing on bugs, mini-beasts, food chains and nature trails. Don't forget to stop and admire our organic garden and all the beautiful trees, plants and wild life all around our school. It is simple really once we get started! The green school noticeboard will also feature regular updates on how we are working on “biodiversity”. The children on the Green School Committee are so enthusiastic and hard working. We are all so proud of them.*

### Parent's Room

The Board of Management recently refurbished the Parent's Room, Home School office and entrance to Early Start classrooms.

Our next aim is to have a school library in one of the refurbished rooms. This will be a wonderful resource for the school and community and will help us to foster a love of reading amongst the children. The Library will be available to every child. We hope to do some fund-raising specifically for this library in the new year. If you have any ideas/suggestions please contact the school.

## HEALTHY & SAFETY CONCERNS - TRAFFIC

### Please take note!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Board of Management have asked me to draw your attention to and request your assistance with regard to parking in, around and outside the school.

- (a) In the interest of **every child's safety** - cars, vans, motorbikes, pushbikes **are not allowed beyond the school gates between 8.45am and 3.00pm.**

Please do not park on the yellow lines and zigzag lines at the entrance to the school and

Please do not park on the footpath as this hampers visibility for staff members entering / leaving the school.

- (b) The Board of Management of the Senior School have requested that Parents/ Guardians **do not park in their grounds or parking area.**

The local Gardaí will be monitoring the situation.

**Here in the Junior School over 341 children come to school each day. We need to ensure a safe, happy environment for them and the school staff.**



### Home / School / Community



We are delighted with our new refurbished are and are nearly finished decorating the rooms.



Christmas cookery is underway and christmas crafts will start next week.



A big thank you to the parents who became witches and read stories to the children in the “Spooky Room” before Halloween. The children really enjoyed it.

Second Class will make visits to the library starting Wednesday 18th November at 1pm. If it's your child's week to visit the library, you are invited to meet them up there. Tallaght Library is a wonderful resource on our doorstep.



Marie Tuohy 087 7443779- HSCL



We sincerely thank our outgoing Board of Management who have worked so hard on behalf of our school and community over the past 4 years. We will have further details soon of the new Board of Management.

### Christmas Concert

It's Christmas Concert time this year. As you are aware the concert takes place every two years. The concert date is Wednesday 16th December. We are also having our terrific raffle after the concert. If you have anything you would like to donate for this raffle please hand it in to the office or Mr. Morris. We are planning to use the funds to update the computer room.



### Early Start



Our 'Parents in the Classroom Programme' is up and running. There are still some dates available so if you haven't signed up yet please do.



### Playbarn Trip

**The Early Start morning & afternoon groups are joining together for our annual trip to Playbarn on Thursday 26th November. We are looking forward to a great day out!**



Early Start Team

**Entering the School Grounds**  
Please use the small gate and pedestrian path to bring your child to school. Please do not walk through the car park as cars are trying to park and small children cannot be seen.

**Science Week:** We had a successful “ScienceWeek” with plenty of experiments, learning and fun taking place.



### Croke Park Hour

The staff are engaging in the extra hour weekly after school outside of pupil contact time, with class grouping planning and Staff meetings.

## CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS AND LETTERS TO SANTA

Children will soon write their letters to Santa. It might be an idea to encourage them to ask for a board game. Board games are wonderful value for money as they are easy to store, can be played by almost all family members young and old alike, give great entertainment and fun, while also learning, they teach children about fairness, sharing, turn taking, obeying rules, improve problem solving skills, reasoning, memory and vocabulary (many of them) strengthen reading and number skills.



We recommend the following games all of which can be bought from either Smyths or the Early Learning Centre. Both Smyths and the Early Learning Centre have websites that are worth checking out. The Early Learning Centre website is particularly good as it gives you a description of each game, the age group it is most suitable for and the cost. You can also sort the games into best selling/ top rated/ lowest price/ highest price. Jigsaws and books also make good presents.

### Available Board Games suitable for our children:

Snakes & Ladders, Greedy Gorilla, Bingo, Drafts, Ludo, Connect 4, Shopping List, Head Bandz, Lotto, Guess Who? Spotty Dog/Lady Bug, Charades for Kids, Snap, Opposites, Misfit, Boggle, Drafts, Twister, Noughts & Crosses, Fishing Game, Frustration, Operation, Scrabble, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Jenga, Guess Who?, Catch Me if You Can, Monopoly, Pictureka