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Dear Parents/guardians

Christmas activities: Preparations are now in full swing for our Christmas season and we are delighted that many of you will be visiting the school over the next few days for Christmas plays and activities. It is a very busy time of the year for everyone but there is nothing like being in school to get a real sense of the atmosphere of Christmas. Last Friday, Mr Harte's class hosted assembly to celebrate Advent while many other activities abound in the classrooms and corridors. Our junior infant plays are particularly festive!

Today 5th and 6th classes host two performances of our Christmas pageant at 1pm and 7pm and our tickets have been selling fast.

Our classes have been attending events outside the school as well, such as Trim Library and the cinema and our 6th Classes visited the Helix Theatre, Dublin, for a performance of Rapunzel last week. Our Parents Association have also been very active with the Christmas jumper sale and Christmas cards and it is nice to see the various jumpers around the school.

Photos: Our policy so far is not to deny parents the chance to take photos of their child performing but Parents/guardians are not permitted to post images of children (other than their own) on social media.

Costumes: If anyone has any spare costumes at home that would add to our drama wardrobe we would welcome all donations. Thank you to those who have purchased costumes for the school and/or donated so far.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to meeting you at our various festive activities.

Nollaig faoi shéan agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Kind Regards,

Fergal Kelly

Principal



MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS **Christmas Eve**

Trim 5pm, 7pm, 9pm
Boardsmill 6pm

Christmas Day

Trim 9am, 11am, 12:30pm
Boardsmill 10am

**The school will
close for Christmas
on Friday
20th December at
11:50 am**

ENROLMENT FOR SCHOOL **YEAR 2025-2026**

Our enrolment Forms and *Annual Admittance Notice* is now available on our website. It lists the various dates associated with enrolling new pupils in our school. Please [click here](#) to complete an application for enrolment form.

Please phone the office if you need assistance or have any queries on 046/9431919.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The children of **5th and 6th** classes are performing on Wednesday 11th December at 1pm and 7:00pm



Tickets can be purchased at the office.

Tickets €5.00 per adult / €2.00 per child or €12.00 family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)

ROOM 16 and 18 CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

We are delighted to announce that **Room 16 and 18** will be taking their talents on the road this Christmas, to raise money for both *St Vincent De Paul* and *Meals on Wheels* - two brilliant charities that greatly contribute to Trim throughout the year.

We will be singing on Market Street, outside of the Credit Union on Monday 16th at 9:45 - 10:30 and Wednesday 18th at 11:15 - 12:00 of December. We would greatly appreciate your support on the day, and will be singing rain, hail or shine!



ACTIVE SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

This has been a busy term with lots of sport and activities going on. Thanks to Liam Woodcock from Golf Ireland who did some taster sessions recently with pupils from 3rd - 5th classes. He'll be back in the New Year to do a 6 week programme. This week sees Eoin Scott from FAI training coming in on Thursday, 12th December to coach soccer with all pupils from 1st and 3rd classes. Next term, Leinster Rugby will be here to do some tag rugby sessions with our older pupils.

We will finish off the term with our **Annual Santa Dash on Thursday, 19th December** after our **Christmas Dance Off** in the hall. This is a great, fun event where the children try to keep up with Santa as they do their laps around the yard! Christmas jumpers, headbands and hats are a must for this event as well as trainers and leggings/tracksuits. And continue wearing your Christmas jumpers till the final day of term!



SCHOOL BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Many thanks for your generous support of our recent Book Fair. The school received €825 to spend on books and resources in Antonia's Bookstore, Trim.

Thanks to all who participated in our Book Fair colouring competitions.

Congratulations to Ela (Rm 30), Ben (Rm 13), Mia, (Rm 14), and Harry (Rm 12), who won book vouchers and a signed copy of the book, 'The Salmon of Knowledge'.

During the fair, the Junior classes had storytime in their classrooms with Barbara from Antonia's Bookstore.

Pupils in Rooms 30 and 31 had a visit from Ellen Kane, illustrator of the recently published book 'The Salmon of Knowledge' written by Eithne Massey.

Barnardos Online Safety

We had a talk for 5th and 6th classes on online safety this week. Occasionally we run into issues in this area so we hope this talk supports the pupils as they navigate difficulties around social media.

Works around school

Storage was upgraded in rooms three and four to complement the existing work done in other Junior infant classrooms while trees were trimmed down in the playground to let more light in.

Child Protection

The board of management reviewed the child protection policy at its meeting on 28/11/2024. The policy has been updated on the website. Thank you to the staff and parent focus groups and the children for their input on this important policy.

Board of Management Report 28/11/2024

At its recent meeting, the following policies were approved by the board: Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment, Anti Bullying Policy, Accessible Use Policy, Critical Incident Policy, Student Teacher Policy and Attendance Strategy. It was agreed the school would wait until the new year to align our current Anti Bullying Policy with the guidelines of Bí Cineálta as the staff will receive training in 2025.

School Athletics

Congratulations to our school teams in their achievements in the Meath Schools Athletics Cross Country Championships recently.

Our U13 teams came 2nd and our U 11s came 4th. Special recognition for **Amy Watters** who came 6th out of a huge field of runners.



Mr. Kelly presenting **Zoe May Cashell** with her **Player of the Match award** after the **Cumann na Mbunscol final**



MORE SCHOOL NEWS



These are the incredible Unusual Houses Project that Room 27 (5th class) and Room 19 (4th class) made from recycled materials.

The girls worked very hard on them and came up with original ideas.

Each house was unique and different, with wonderful imagination behind every one too!



Ms. Murray and
Mr. Savage



Parents Association

Christmas Cards

Thank you for everyone who ordered some Christmas cards and all the volunteers who helped to sort the cards and helped with the admin. May your loved ones experience the Christmas spirit with you, when opening their cards.

Christmas Jumper Sale

Thank you for all your support in our Christmas Jumper Sale and the volunteers who offered their time to support this project. The students may wear their Christmas clothes on the 19th and 20th December. We request the students to bring in a €1 or €2 donation on one of these non uniform days to support the ISPC Childline charity.


Because of all the teenage suicides these days, we would like to make children more aware of the childline services, so that they know there is always someone to talk to.

From the Parents Association we wish everyone a blessed and festive Christmas celebration and peaceful New Year.



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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Would like to say a huge **thank you** to:

St Mary's N.S. Trim

for donating gift-filled shoeboxes to children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa.



thank you ♥



Team Hope, 5 Leopardstown Business Centre, Ballyogan Avenue, Dublin 18. Tel: 01 294 0222 www.teamhope.ie Irish charity CHY14524 CRA number: 20047627



CAROL SERVICE

in St Patrick's Church, Trim

**SUNDAY
15TH DECEMBER AT 6PM**

MEATH DIOCESAN CHOIR
TRIM PARISH CHOIR
GLUAIS

**All are very Welcome
Admission is FREE**

(donation if desired to Trim Parish Meals on Wheels)



MEMBER MORNING

Trim Men's
Shed Rocking
Horse Raffle

Spot
prizes

Christmas
Colouring
Competiton

Facepaiting
& Family
Fun



Saturday, 7th Dec



10:00 - 12:00



Drogheda Credit Union,
Trim Branch

**Join us for some festive
family fun.**

Trim Christmas Light Parade



Saturday 21st December

**Start: 6:00pm from Oaktree Business
Park C15 HW72**

Trim Town (see map on Facebook)

**Registration from 4:30pm €20 per
vehicle**

In Aid of Local Charities

Contact: Seán 086 8151238

Donations welcome online at

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/TrimChristmasLightParade2024>



← SCAN QR CODE FOR LINK TO
ONLINE DONATIONS



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join us!**

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challenges, solve problems, and
explore STEM through hands-on
projects and teamwork-driven
learning!"**

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9/1/25 to 13/2/25
€40 for 6 sessions
or €8 per session

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