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Mission Statement

*As a Catholic school, our mission is
to develop the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of each child
and encourage everyone to respect themselves and one another.*

*We value each person while working to provide a supportive environment
for all pupils to learn and play in harmony together.*

5th December 2012

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending the parent/teacher meetings organised recently. These meetings provide a chance to talk about how your child is progressing in school. The teachers welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your attendance is a sign of your interest in your child's education.

Well done to all who are walking on Wednesdays; it's a chance to get a little exercise, spend a little less on fuel and it can be a nice social event too. There can be the odd bit of dog dirt on pavements in the village. Please let all dog owners know that there are pooper scoopers available from Carlow County Council offices on the Athy Road in Carlow Town. Other countries have a "scooping culture", there's no reason why we can't do the same. Leighlinbridge is a beautiful village, it would be nice to keep it that way.

It's the time of year when calendars become obsolete. If you have any spiral bound calendars that are blank on back please donate them to the school as we can put them to good use.

We are encouraging the children not to give Christmas cards to all others in their class. It involves around 5,000 cards which is a lot of paper and expense. We realise of course that children like to give a card at this time so the teachers will arrange for some form of communal card or gift giving in class before Christmas, keeping it simple but meaningful.

On a similar theme while teachers like to receive presents at Christmas and children like to give them there is really no need and no one should feel under any pressure in this regard. The teachers would be perfectly happy with a homemade card if a child really does want to mark the occasion but it is not necessary at all. Working that little bit better in school would be a great present though, a gift that would keep on giving not only to the receiver but also to the giver!

Well done to the team from 4th Class who took part in the Futsal (indoor soccer) blitz organised by the FAI. Competing against the big town schools meant they were up against it but they got a chance to show off their skills and enjoyed themselves on the day. Three wins out of four with the only defeat being to the eventual winners was a really good performance.

The school will close for the Christmas holidays at 12 noon on **Friday 21st December** and will re-open on **Monday, 7th January 2013**. Other closures are detailed on the school website.

We are delighted to welcome back Ms. Murphy after her recent maternity leave and wish her well with both jobs! On a more serious note in this time of rising unemployment and other difficulties it is important to remember that as a parent you have the most important job of all. There is no financial reward for it and it is time consuming and exhausting at times. Be assured that you have the support of every staff member of this school and if you are concerned in any way about your child or need some advice or a listening ear then please talk to us and we will help in any way that we can.

Before things get too busy I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody associated with the school - but particularly you the parents - a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your support as always.

Please see **note overleaf** re. a concert that we are organising at Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

We need to spread the attendance as evenly as possible. We encourage you to come to the concert in the morning or the afternoon to free up space for those who can only come at night.

Because seating is limited only those with tickets will be admitted. Please do not bring a small child and then sit them beside you, this takes up a seat which has been allocated to someone with a ticket. Thanks for your cooperation.

Please complete the slip below and return it to the school tomorrow (6th Dec.)

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No. of tickets required (limit of 2 per family in total)

Wednesday, 19th December at 1:30 p.m. _____

Thursday, 20th December at 9:40 a.m. _____

Thursday, 20th December at 7:30 p.m. _____

Name of your eldest child _____