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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.*

9th December 2013

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending the parent/teacher meetings held a few weeks ago. 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.

We also recently held our annual anti-bullying week which is part of our strategy to help to prevent bullying. The pupils learn what bullying is, that it is forbidden in our school, that if bullying happens we speak out, that there are things we can do if we are being bullied and that bullying can happen anywhere, not just in school. It's important that everybody realises that there are strategies that we can teach our children to handle difficult situations when they arise.

Well done to all those who travelled to Dublin last Saturday and took part in the Hallelujah Concert. It was a great opportunity for the children to take part in such a large event. Thanks to the teachers for giving their time and for their hard work in preparation and to the pupils for representing their school so well! Thanks also to Mrs. Byrne for organising the day.

Our older boys and girls have taken part in indoor hurling blitzes recently and well done in particular to the girls who are through to the finals taking place this week. Go girls!

As in previous years 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 absolutely 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!

The school will close for the Christmas holidays at 12 noon on **Friday 20th December** and will re-open on **Tuesday, 7th January 2013**. Other planned closures are detailed on the school website.

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. Please note also that there will not be a charge for entry but there will be a voluntary collection at the door in aid of the UNICEF Phillipines Typhoon Appeal and the Syria Emergency Appeal. Working in over 150 countries across the world, UNICEF is committed to finding the best and most cost-effective ways to save children's lives, providing health care, nutrition and education to help every child realise their full potential.

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 (10th Dec.)

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

Tuesday, 17th December at 1:30 p.m. _____

Wednesday, 18th December at 9:40 a.m. _____

Wednesday, 18th December at 7:30 p.m. _____

Name of your eldest child _____