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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.*

7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents,

The Board of Management wishes to remind you to reverse into the parking spaces outside the school and to please be careful to allow space between your car and the wall. If you do not leave space it means children have to walk around your car and nearer to the road. Thank you.

As you know the school is holding a Carol Service in Leighlin Church on Wednesday night 21<sup>st</sup> December. The children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will be wearing their full school uniform and a Santa hat.

The children from Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> class will be dressing up for the service. Everyone will be wearing the same type of costume i.e.

- Sheet or long shirt and belt or rope
- Towel for head and hair band to keep it in place.
- Ordinary clothes to be worn underneath the costume.

Please send in your child's costume as soon as possible. It will be kept in school and returned on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> for the performance that night.

The service starts at 7:30 pm. All children must be in the Parish Centre by 7:10 pm. The performance should be over by 8:15 pm approx. The children will return to the Parish Centre and can be collected from there. Please do not take your child without informing the class teacher.

The Parents Association will be holding a collection in the church on the night. They are also organising a cup of tea afterwards in the Parish Centre, we look forward to meeting you there.

As in previous years we are encouraging the children not to give Christmas cards to all others in their class. It involves thousands of 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. This will keep things 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!

On a 'giving' theme, there is a food appeal box at the front door of the school and lots of children have been donating (non perishable) items for the St. Claire's Graiguecullen food kitchen. All donations welcome.

Before things get too hectic 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.

The school will close for the Christmas holidays at 12 noon on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. The children may wear something 'Christmassy' on that day. We will re-open on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Other planned closures are detailed on the school website.

Yours faithfully,

Principal