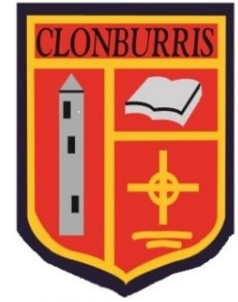

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A message from Ms. Morley

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff I'd like to thank all of you for your support since we re-opened in August. We've had to change routines and how we work but everyone has adapted so well and our pupils are happy to be in school.

Thanks to all of our Clonburris staff who have worked so hard to keep everything as normal as possible for the boys and girls.

We hope all our families have a lovely, safe Christmas. Please continue to follow all the government guidelines during the break with your families, wear masks when required, wash hands frequently and avoid crowds of people.

Most of all, enjoy the time with loved ones this Christmas.



Dates for your Diary

Return to school: Jan 6th

Mid-Term: Feb 15th—Feb 19th

St. Patricks Day (National Bank Holiday):
March 17th

Easter Break: March 29th— April 9th

May Mid-term: May 3rd— May 7th
(inclusive)

June Bank Holiday: June 7th

Summer Break: June 30th (close at 12pm)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Patricia who recently celebrated 40 years of service to Clonburris N.S. This is a very special achievement and we would all be lost without you! A massive **THANK YOU** for all that you do, from all the staff and students!



Clonburris Christmas Fair 2020

The first ever Clonburris Christmas Fair took place from 9th - 15th of December. It was a great success and the children enjoyed it immensely. The 6th class children worked the fair every day and did a great job. The fair ended with our Christmas Raffle. Thanks to the generosity of so many parents and staff we were able to raffle 54 prizes. Please see our website for a list of the winners. Over the five days of the Christmas Fair we managed to raise **€6075.93**. This is an amazing amount and will help the school greatly after losing out on so many other fundraising activities. Thank you once again to everyone who helped to make it such a great success.



Virtual Carol Sing-a-long

Thanks to Mr. Leech and Ms. Morley each class got to enjoy the first ever **Clonburris Virtual Christmas sing-a-long!** Every class group recorded one or two of their favourite Christmas Carols and we streamed them into every class over the morning. Each class had their own individual Christmas sing-a-long in their own classroom.

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HSCL HOME/SCHOOL/COMMUNITY LIAISON

While you have a child attending Clonburris we would love for parents and guardians to be involved and participate in school life too. Drop into school, or get in touch on 083 8490219 and ask for Ms. Kerins, or email HomeschClonburris@gmail.com.

Marathon Kids Well done to both 5th and 6th classes on their completion of their Marathon Kids Programme over the last 8 weeks. The children have run various distances over the last 8 weeks and they will complete the final mile of their marathon in Corkagh Park where they will receive their t-shirts and medals for completing the programme. Well done to all teachers involved for facilitating this programme.

Active Schools Well done again to all children for getting involved in our Clonburris '12 Days of Fitmas'. We have had lots of fun completing various exercises and dances and as always we will finish this event off with our 'Santa Dash' on Friday 18th. Our New Active school committee will be ready to get going in January and we look forward to having new activities to play during break times and also some new initiatives that we will run both at home and at school so as to promote staying Active in our community.

GAA Cumann na mBunscol who run the various GAA competitions in schools for boys and girls will make a decision in early January as to whether our usual football competitions will be allowed to resume in the new year, they are awaiting guidance from the government on this.

Christmas Sing-along at Home
Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh, o'er the fields we go, laughing all the way, bells on bob-tails ring, making spirits bright what fun it is to ride and sing, a sleighing song tonight.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, oh what fun it is to ride, in a one-horse open sleigh!



Every Hour Counts

Collecting children from school

Please make a bigger effort to not collect your child early from school unless it is an important appointment or an emergency. Every school hour counts when attending school. Regular early collections can have an adverse effect on your child's ability to engage with teaching and learning.

Parent Courses



Irish / Gaeilge Our

Irish language course is over for this term. Classes will resume in the new year. All newcomers welcome. Classes are geared towards beginners and improvers.

4 the Family - a course providing simple tips to improve family life, continuing in January. Please contact Ms. Kerins if you are interested in signing up.

At Home at Christmas...

- Encourage your child to help with household jobs such as tidying up, sweeping the floor.



- Ask your child to write a letter to you.
- Have a room cleaning competition.
- Guess who? Ask your child to think of a family member without them telling you who - have them give you hints until you guess the mystery person, then take your turn.
- Walk up and down the stairs counting the steps.