 St. Mary’s National School

 Christmas Newsletter

Advent has begun and we are once again preparing for the birth of our Saviour. The school Carol Service will be held in the school hall on Tuesday, 16th December at 11.30am. All parents/guardians are very welcome to attend. Classes are busy putting the finishing touches to their Christmas plays and

Christmas Carols. Individual classes will inform parents of upcoming performances.

The older classes will attend the 11 o’clock Mass in the Parish Church on Monday, December 8th and on Tuesday, 6th January.

**Board of Management Note**

School begins at 9.30am every morning and ends at 3.10 pm every afternoon. The school will not be responsible for children outside school hours. Parents are asked to have their children on time for school every morning.

SLOW DOWN ! Parents/guardians are asked to slow down when driving in to the school at start and finishing times. Please observe the parking restrictions and do not park in Maudlin Court

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 **‘Journeys’** the book is the journey our per cent for art stone made from the quarry, where a 7 tonne block of Kilkenny limestone was removed from the quarry bed, and was taken to McKeon Stoneyard in Stradbally, Co. Laois, where it was worked on by the sculptor, Michelle Byrne for 6 months. The stone, which represents our pupils’ journeys to school, continued its journey to its final home ….at the front entrance to St. Mary’s. The book is previewed on the school website, and is for sale at €21. Any family wishing to order should send €21 to Carmel before Friday, 12th December. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee that we will have the books by Christmas.

**Sports:**

Girls’ Football… Congratulations to girl’s football panel on winning the Roinn A Football Final. It was

very hard fought match and through sheer determination the girls managed a four point win over

St. Canice’s Kilkenny. Well done also to the boys who reached the semi-final of the Country

Cup,unfortunately they lost out to Piltown by a mere one point, having been two goals down at

half time. They were also unlucky in the Roinn A Final losing out to St. Canice’s. Thanks to Ms. Power,

Ms.O’Shea, Ms. Behan, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Delahunty and Mr. Reade for training the teams and giving so

much of their free time to this commitment.

* **Christmas Shoeboxes…** This year there was wonderful support from the parents and children to this very worthy appeal. 122 shoeboxes were collected from the school. Thanks to the parents and children for their efforts.
* **Irish Blood Transfusion Service will attend at St. Mary’s National School on Monday, 2nd February.**

 **SchoolCalendar**

**Dec**: School will close on Friday, 19th at 12.30pm for Christmas Holidays.

**Clothes Collection…**

The school will hold a clothes collection .Parents /guardians can leave in bags of clothes, blankets, shoes and laptops with power cable from today to Friday, 12th December. The more bags delivered to the school the more funds raised for the school.

**Jan:** School will re-open on Monday 5th.

A Happy and Peaceful Christmas to pupils, teachers, school

staff, parents and extended families.

**Feb:** School will be closed on Fri, 13th for Parent/Teacher meetings.

School will close on Thursday, 12th at 3.10pm for Mid-Term Break.

The Bookfair……The Bookfair was once again a great success. The total amount spend at the fair was €3625 and the school receives 25% of this sum in books which is €907.00. Thanks to Khan’s Books, Kilkenny for providing such good value books, to all the parents and children for supporting the bookfair, it was very much appreciated .

School will re-open on Monday, 23rd.

**Mar:** School will be closed on Tues, 17th for St. Patrick’s Day. The school will close on Friday, Easter Holidays.

***Violin lessons available in the school (Tues) Contact: Camilla 085-7579342***

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