



# December IN SCOIL EOIN BAISTE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As Christmas is almost upon us myself & the staff of Scoil Eoin Baiste would like to thank you all for your continued support since the beginning of the school term. We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.



## Exciting News

This week we received very exciting news about an extension to the school. We have been granted an amazing extension worth over €1 million. This extension will have space for two special classes and multiple other rooms for use by the children in the special classes such as sensory and daily living skills spaces. The aim of these facilities is to provide a school for children with a diagnosis of ASD, in the Mevagh and surrounding areas, without the need to travel long distances.

## Christmas Jumper Colours Days

Thank you for your support for this year's Christmas Jumper/Colours day. All money will be donated to Down Syndrome Ireland.

The children are free to wear their Christmas jumpers/colours on Friday also.



The Parents Association Hamper Draw will take place on Friday outside the school. It will be shown on the school website.



## Christmas Performance

Each class will be doing a small Christmas performance this week. It will be released on the school website on Monday 20th. Please fill out the accompanying form to give your permission for your child to be part of this performance.

The school website is [www.carrigartns.ie](http://www.carrigartns.ie)



### Special Visitor

The Parents Association have organised a special visitor to come on Friday 17th to meet all the children outside the school.

The school will be closing at 12 noon on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Christmas break. The buses will collect children from the school at 11.50am.

The school will re-open on Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup>.



### \* Extra Clothing

Feel free to send an extra hoodie or jacket to school with your child as the weather gets colder. We have the heating on but in an effort to keep classrooms well ventilated, to prevent the spread of Covid-19, it's getting quite chilly! From January we would like the children to have a spare pair of trousers in their bags as the school grounds are quite muddy.

## **Substitute Teachers**

We are in the midst of a substitute teacher crisis. When a teacher is absent we try our best to get a qualified teacher first, if a qualified teacher is unavailable we have no option but to get an unqualified teacher for the day. This is a nation-wide issue at the moment so please bear with us.

## **Covid-19 Reminders**

- Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of Covid-19.
- Children should only return to school when they are 48 hours' symptom free.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted to collect their child if they display any symptoms of Covid-19 in school.
- Face coverings in Primary schools
- NPHET has recommended the wearing of face masks/coverings by children aged nine years and above on public transport, in retail and other indoor public settings as already required for children aged 13 years and over.
- They have also recommended that this is introduced for children in 3rd class and above in primary schools. They have advised that this measure is being introduced on a temporary basis and is subject to review in mid-February 2022.
- The children will take some books home with them on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> as a precautionary measure for after Christmas. Hopefully the children won't need them so just return on the first day back.