

# ST CONOR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

## Diary Dates

<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 trip to the UAFP</li> <li>7 pm: PTFA Meeting to prepare for Bazaar</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Visitors for Nursery pupils/parents</li> <li>7 pm: doors open for Annual St Conor's Christmas Bazaar</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Visitors for Nursery pupils/parents</li> </ul>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.30 pm: Year 3RC Christmas Play <i>Tin whistles finishes today for the term</i></li> </ul>
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 am: Year 2CF Christmas Play</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 am: Year 2UC Christmas Play</li> <li>7.30 pm: Advent Mass &amp; Carol Service in Sacred Heart Church <i>Spanish finishes today for this term.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 am: Year 1AD Christmas Play</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.45 and 2.15: Christmas Card making in the Nursery Unit</li> <li>10 am: Year 1MM Christmas Play</li> <li>1.30 pm: Year 3GC Christmas Play</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School finishes for Nursery at 3 pm
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	School finishes for Years 1 - 7 at 12 noon. <i>No school dinners today</i>



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## School Closures

**Christmas Holidays**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December –  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
2018 inclusive.**

## Change of Date: Staff Training Day – January 2018

It has been necessary to change the date of the next Staff Development Day from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

## Dates for Sacraments

**First Confession:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 @ 7 pm

**First Eucharist:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 @ 12.30 pm

**Confirmation:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 @ 11 am

## Principal Award Winners - November

The following children were awarded a Principal's Certificate during November:

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
Grace Hannigan Conall Kirwin Eoghan Ruddy Anthony Walls Conor Donaghy Cait Ellis-Gowland Orla McDermott Conan McNamee	Kitty McCusker Cahir Pancott Thomas Grimes Matt Kennedy Conan O'Hagan Sinead Doyle Leo Grimes Jayden Murray	Niamh Curry Conan Miley Connor Murray Mollie McPeake Chloe McSwiggan Ella Fisher Gabriella Duffy Piper Kirk	Fianna O'Hagan Jakub Zymlok Dara Stewart Clara McElroy Leah McMillan Julia Kleser Fiannah Kelly Paudraig Meehan
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Year 7</b>
Naomi O'Sullivan Aoife Cassidy Conor Fyffe Elsa McCrory Roksana Kleser Teresa Gallagher Ben Donaghy Ryan Wilson	Cahir O'Neill Niamh Hurley Michael Harbison Mary-Kate Harper Olivia Kelly Amelia Totu Ethan Lunney Nathan O'Hagan	James O'Neill Orla Cox Roisin Hackett Joshua Humphries Ciaran Colton Dean McElhill Sherona McKinney Frankie Monk	Mike Sharkey Chloe Murray Ryan McQuaid Maisie-Mai Kelly Caitlin Slevin Haroldas Vanzodis Elle McElhill Orlaith Fenton

## Edmund Rice Coffee Morning

On **Sunday the 10th December**, Edmund Rice Camp are hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for the upcoming year of fun. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake for everyone in the Christian Brothers school sports hall from 9am to 3pm along with festive music. Guests are invited to make a small donation in aid of the camp, and to use the Henderson car park. Bring all your family and friends, it's sure to be a great day for a great cause!

## Advent Mass and Carol Service 2017

The annual St Conor's Primary School & Nursery Unit Advent Mass and Carol Service is on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017** in Sacred Heart Church at 7.30 pm.

## Enrolling Now for 2018

Admission Forms available from the school for children who will be 3 years old by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 (Nursery Target Age) and those who will be 4 years old by 1st July 2018 (Year 1).

Closing date for admission: **10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Children currently attending St Conor's Nursery must re-apply for a place in Year 1.

## Athletics Success

Twenty-Two pupils from St Conor's Primary School competed in the 2nd round of the Flahavan's Cross Country event held at Ballygawley Playing Fields on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

The 1200m course was tough, with rough conditions under foot but thankfully there were no hills to run up. Hooray! A huge effort was made by all the children to complete the course. Congratulations to Emma McCrossan, who ran a fantastic race in the girls' event. Emma finished in first place!! Special mention goes to Jenna Mullin and Ciara McGinn who finished in the top ten placings, in what was a packed and highly competitive race.

Well done to Fionn Collins who finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the boy's race. Congratulations to Tiernan Kelly who had a fantastic sprint finish to claim the number one spot in the Fun Run. Hot on his heels was Turlough Collins who finished third and Rory Dolan in fourth. Well done to everyone else who took part in the fun run event. Cillian McCrory and Frankie Monk also finished in the top ten. Keep up the great running everyone.



## Children in Need 2017

Thank you for your usual generosity for Children in Need on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Your children raised a Total of **£833.33** for Children in Need. Well done to everyone concerned!

### **Advent Prayer**

Jesus, we are waiting with joyful hearts to remember and celebrate the wonder of your birth.

You came into the world as a helpless baby,  
But already you were holding within your tiny, beating heart a beautiful hope for mankind:  
a sacred dream.

In which we live together in peace, love, and truth.

Throughout this time of waiting, may we do our very best to turn your sacred dream for us  
into reality, so that at Christmas,

We can offer you a present for your birthday, fashioned out of peace and perfect love.

**Amen**

### **PTFA News**

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent AGM of St Conor's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) at which the following **Committee** members were elected:

**Chair: Yvonne McMillan** – *mum of Leah in Year 3*

**Vice-Chair: Tony Laird** – *friend of the school*

**Secretary: Dymphna Feeney** – *mum of Mia in Year 7*

**Assistant Secretary: Sinead Curry** – *mum of Ryan in Year 4 and Niamh in Year 2*

**Treasurer: Anita Quinn** – *mum of Oran in Year 6*

**Assistant Treasurer: Lauren McCrory** – *friend of the school*

**Teacher: Gary McCrory**

**Committee Member: Vicky O'Hagan** – *mum of Nathan in Year 5*

**Committee Member: Shauna Duffy** – *mum of Keelan in Year 3*

Congratulations to our elected committee members for 2017-18. Thank you to **all those other parents who are an important part of our PTFA** and who offer their support, especially at fund-raising ventures and other school events. Thank you also to McElholm Accountants and Registered Auditors Ltd for preparing the school fund accounts for 2016-17 for presentation at the AGM. Proceeds from the Bazaar will be announced soon. Thank you for your generous support!

### **Next meeting of PTFA Committee:**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the school.

