

Scoil Cholmcille Mount  
Hanover  
Newsletter



Welcome to the November edition of our school newsletter. Many thanks for your continued support this school year. We are now heading into our final few weeks of term. We will be closing for the Christmas Holidays on **Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This will be a half day closure with a staggered collection in place.

**School Garden:** Many thanks to Mark Grogan for organizing the delivery of 5 fruit trees. The trees were planted this week by Rhys, Rocky & Luke. They are a great addition to our school garden.

**Design-a-Card:** The Design-a-Card Christmas Card orders arrived on Tuesday. They were distributed and sent home with the children. Many thanks for your support.

**Assembly:** Our November assembly took place today. Well done to the following certificate winners:

**Pupil of the Month:** Jack McGuinness, Nathan Maguire, Gracie-Ann Curley, Conor McGuinness, Nina Hall, Caleb Collins, Seán Connell Cudden, Alex McEnteggart, Quinn Manley, Eddy Xue, Isabella McArdle, Hugo Lawlor, Megan Hoey, Kayla Scully, Ruby-Leigh King & Aran Breach.

**Handwriting Awards:** Aoibha O'Brien, Isla Freyne, Peter Crosby, Emmet Freyne, Amelia Maguire, Evie Lynch, Ava McEnteggart & Lucy Collins.

**Gaeilgeoir na Míosa:** Cody O'Brien, Evelyn Cassely, Charlie Collins, Oscar Cudden, Sadhbh Kirwan, Casper Cudden, Frieda Smyth & Rhys Doyle.

**Sacrament Classes:**

Please note the following dates:

**First Holy Communion Class:**

First Holy Communion: **Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022** at 12 noon in Duleek Church with Cushinstown NS.

**Confirmation:**

The Confirmation Ceremony will take place on **Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2022**. Time to be confirmed.

**GAA Skills:** We are delighted to welcome back Damien Sheridan from Meath GAA. He will work with the children every Wednesday from 12.30 until the Christmas break. The sessions take place outdoors and all equipment is sanitised after use.

**SVP Christmas Appeal:** We are holding a food/toy collection for the local branch of SVP. Any donations (non perishable foods, sweets, treats, toys etc) may be dropped into school next week. **All donations to be made on or before December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please label items "SVP Appeal".

**School Drop Off/Collection:** Many thanks for your continued co-operation with our drop off and collection procedures. Teaching time begins at 9.10 am so please ensure that your child is on time for school. We ask for your continued support with our collection times as it will mean that the numbers congregating at any one time will be minimised. Please note that there is no play-time at collection times. Please ensure that you “collect & go.”

**Healthy Eating:** Please continue to pack a healthy lunch for your child. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. A copy of our “Healthy Eating Policy” can be found under the policies tab on the school website. **Nut Free Zone:** Scoil Cholmcille is a “Nut Free Zone” as we have a student with a nut allergy. **We cannot allow children to bring any nut based products into school or in their packed lunches.** We also ask children **not** to share their lunches.

**Christmas Raffle:** Our Christmas Raffle is back. Each family will receive 4 books of tickets to sell. **The tickets are €1 each or 6 for €5.** The raffle tickets will be sent home next week. If you require additional books, please ask the class teacher. **This year our top prize is a Nintendo Switch!** The Parents Association are also looking for prize donations (sweets/biscuits/gift sets etc). Any prize donations may be dropped into the school next week in a bag labelled Christmas Raffle donation. Many thanks for your support.

**Covid-19 Procedures:** From November 29th, the following will be the procedure in schools. Antigen tests will be made available to the children in a primary school pod, where a child in the pod has had a PCR test that detected COVID-19. Where two or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 occur in a class, within a seven-day period, outside of a single pod, antigen testing will be offered to the full class. The tests will be sent to the children’s parents by the HSE. Parents/guardians of a primary school child, who has been confirmed as having COVID-19 following a PCR test, are asked to inform their school’s principal (via the school phone number, Class Dojo or email address). The school principal will then inform the parents of other children in the pod of a confirmed case. No personal details of the child will be shared. These parents will be provided with the option to receive free antigen tests for their child, which they will be able to order for delivery to their home. Children who are in a pod where a child has tested positive for COVID-19 can continue to attend school, whether they participate in antigen testing or not, provided that they are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. **If a child displays any symptoms of COVID-19 they should self-isolate immediately and a parent or guardian should arrange a PCR test.**

**A reminder of the 2021/2022 School Calendar:**

**Additional Closure:** We will be closed on **Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021** due to an ESB outage. Without ESB, we will have no running water, heat or electricity so the school will be closed on health & safety grounds.

**Christmas Break:** Closing on **Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will have a staggered closing time in place on this day. School re-opens on **Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

**February Mid –Term:** Closed Thursday & Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**St.Patrick’s Day:** Closed Thursday & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**Easter Break 2022:** Closing Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2022. Re-opening on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**May Bank Holiday:** Closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

**June Bank Holiday:** Closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Summer Holidays 2022:** Closing on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

A copy of the calendar may be downloaded here:

<https://mounthanoverns.ie/school-updates/school-calendar/>