

Scoil Cholmcille, Mount
Hanover
December 2023



Christmas Wishes: At this time of year we say a special thank you to all our school staff who work so hard throughout the year to make sure the school runs efficiently and keep the school looking so well. Thank you to our school secretary Jennifer in the office, our cleaners, who keep the school so clean, and John our school caretaker.

We wish them all a very Happy Christmas.

Christmas Holidays:

Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover School will close on **Friday 22nd December** at 12 noon.

School will re-open in New Year on **Monday 8th January at 8.50 am.**

Book Fair: A huge thank you to everyone for your fantastic support of the Scholastic Book Fair. The school has earned €1,100 in rewards which we will be using to buy books for the classrooms. Thank you also to the parents who helped out at the fair. Without your help, the book fair would not have been possible.

Assembly: Congratulations to our certificate winners for this month. The winners were as follows:

Pupil of the Month: Oisín Pen, Aifric Curran, Hugo Harvey, Aoife Mullen, Hannah Pawlik Stepien, Zach Mullen, Lucy McArdle, Paddy Curran, Daniel McGuinness, Nina Hall, Sean Connell Cudden, Aoibhínn Curran, Eddy Xue, Cora Dowd, Lily Durkan & Hanna Crosby.

Handwriting Awards: Bobby Condron, James Toner, Eadie Freyne, Fiadh Cannon, Caleb Collins, Harry Flood, JJ Hanratty & Madisyn Crosby.

Gaeilgeoir Na Míosa: Finn McGuinness, Sadie Mehegan, Louise Mullen, Conor McGuinness, Dara Deasy, Aoife Cannon, Mia Cassely & Casper Cudden.

SVP Collection Thank You: Many thanks to everyone for their support of our Christmas Jumper Day for SVP. The total amount raised was €399. Well done everyone!!

Christmas Raffle:

Many thanks for your support of our Christmas raffle. Thank you for all the prizes and vouchers donated and for all the ticket selling. It is very much appreciated. Well done to everyone who won prizes.

A reminder of the 2023/2024 School Calendar:

Christmas Break: Closing on **Friday December 22nd at 12 noon.** School re-opens on **Monday January 8th 2024.**

February Bank Holiday: Closed on Monday February 5th 2024.

February Mid –Term: Closed Thursday & Friday February 15th & 16th 2024.

St. Patrick's Day: Closed Monday 18th March 2024.

Easter Break 2024: Closing Friday March 22nd 2024 at 12 noon. Re-opening on Monday April 8th 2024.

May Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 6th May 2024.

June Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 3rd June 2024.

Summer Holidays 2024: Closing on Friday June 21st 2024 at 12 noon.

Sacrament Classes:

Please note the following dates:

First Confessions: **Saturday 9th March 2024 at 2pm** in St. Cieran's Church, Duleek.

First Holy Communion: **Saturday May 18th 2024 at 12 noon** in St. Cieran's Church, Duleek.

Confirmation Ceremony: **Tuesday February 20th 2024 at 2pm** in St. Cieran's Church, Duleek.

Healthy Eating: As mentioned in our October & November newsletters, our expression of interest in the free hot school meals programme has been accepted. This will see the roll out of free school meals for every child from April 2024. More details on the practicalities of this to follow. In the interim, please continue to pack a healthy lunch for your child.

Internet Safety: Zeeko, an internet safety company, will be working with the children from 3rd – 6th class on January 9th. There will be an online zoom session available for parents to attend on Tuesday January 9th at 7p.m. The link will be sent on closer to the time. Although the pupil sessions are available for just 3rd class upwards, I would encourage parents of younger children to also attend.

Say Yes to Languages: The children in 3rd - 6th class will be participating in the 'Say Yes to Languages' initiative in January. What this means is that they will have a Spanish lesson every Thursday for the next 6 weeks at no extra cost to you. The initiative will be rolled out with the support of Languages Connect and PPLI (Post-Primary Languages Ireland), a unit of the Department of Education.

Christmas Wishes: On behalf of the BOM and all our school staff I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to thank everyone for their support and cooperation during the year. In particular I would like to say well done to our pupils and our school staff who have worked very hard throughout the year. I would also like to thank our parents who have supported the school every step of the way.

Enjoy the Christmas Holidays everyone!!

Nollag Shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.