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Calendar School Year 2018-2019

MONTH	DETAILS
December	Closing for Christmas holidays Friday 21 st @ 12 noon
January	Opening Monday 7 th January
February	Mid-term break: Monday to Friday 18 th – 22 nd
March	Closing Monday 18 th (Bank Holiday)
April	Closing Friday 12 th April Re-opening Monday 29 th April
May	Closing Monday 6 th (Bank Holiday)
June	Closing Monday 3 rd (Bank Holiday) Closing for Summer holidays on Thursday 27 th

Infants Trip to Graune Pet Farm:

Our junior and senior infants will go on their annual Christmas outing to Graune Pet Farm on Thursday 20th December, 2018. The children will enjoy all that Graune Pet Farm has to offer and will also meet Santa to add to the excitement. The children will travel by bus and will be back by 3pm. The total cost is €20 per child which includes food. We will collect the money during that week. Parents are welcome to accompany us.

Carol Service 2018:

The annual Carol Service 2018 will take place in Garrafraunes Church on Sunday 16th December, 2018 at 7 pm. Choirs from the parish will participate including our own school choir, who will perform “Calypso Carol”. We are hoping that all children from 3rd to 6th class will be able to attend unless they have an important reason for not attending. We are depending on your goodwill to support this Christmas celebration.

Christmas Concerts 2018:

Our Christmas Concerts will take place on **Tuesday 11th December (1.00 pm to 2.30 pm) and Wednesday 12th December, 2018 (at 7pm)**. Tickets cost €8 per adult and €5 per student and they are available from the secretary’s office from Tuesday Dec 4th. Raffle tickets will be sold in the classrooms from Tuesday 4th December for a selection of prizes, as usual. **Donations of Spot-prizes would be most welcome.** Tickets cost 1 per strip and 5 for 6 strips.

A selection of hampers will be available as prizes also, therefore, any donations of non-perishable goods to put in these hampers would be most welcome. Please make all donations by Friday December 7th at the latest so that Fidelis can put the hampers together. As regards safety and supervision for the Wednesday night concert, we ask all parents to ensure that groups of former pupils do not come to the show unaccompanied by a responsible adult. They are most welcome to sit with their families if they wish to attend. Each year classroom doors are locked, carparks, corridors and toilets are checked so that no incidents occur on school property.

This year, microphones will be put standing at the front of the stage, therefore, we cannot allow a crowd of pupils to sit on windows and chairs at the front. This is a safety issue and we want all the children and their families to enjoy the shows.

If children who are finished their own performance are not going home straight away they can enjoy watching DVDs and eating treats in their own classroom under teacher supervision until the shows are over. All the children in our school will have seen all the plays at the full dress rehearsals either on Friday 7th or Monday 10th of December. Therefore, to limit

disruption, if they are attending on Wednesday night we would ask that they would remain in the hall for the duration of the four plays.

Your co-operation on all the above points is earnestly requested so that the shows can run smoothly and enjoyably for all. All the proceeds of our shows will go towards paying for new projectors in the classrooms.

Aladdin Connect App

A reminder to all parents that haven't downloaded the App yet. Please download the Aladdin App on your phone. All text correspondence from the school is now sent by notification on your Aladdin noticeboard. If you have not got the App, you cannot receive messages from the school.

Conclusion:

On behalf of the BOM and all teaching and non-teaching staff, I wish to thank you for your help and co-operation during the past year and I wish all our families a happy and healthy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Thank you,
John O'Mahony
Principal