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19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents,

Well done to all the pupils, staff and parents who did so well at the Junior Infant's nativity play and the Senior Infant and First Class nativity play today. A special note of thanks to Ms. Dunne, Ms. Donnelly, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Flood and Ms. Fitzsimons for their hard work preparing the pupils in recent weeks.



We have been informed of the passing of a former Kiltale NS teacher **Máire Cartúir**. Máire taught in Kiltale NS from 1973-1997 and had responsibility for Ranganna 1 agus 2. She prepared pupils for First Communion during those years. She shared her love of music, Irish culture, folklore and her grá for Gaeilge most enthusiastically. The whole school mass this week was offered in Máire's memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with Máire's family and friends at this sad time.

**Amber Flag** - we as a school have registered to be part of The Pieta Amber Flag. This Initiative recognises the individual efforts to create healthy, inclusive environments that support the mental well-being of everyone in our school. Primary school subjects such as Aistear, SPHE, Arts Education and PE can be good places to start the children on their well-being journey and will contribute positively to our Amber Flag application this year.



To achieve this flag, we need to raise money for Pieta. As a result, we will be collecting money at the **Christmas Carol Service** this Thursday 21st December 2023 at 6.30pm in Kiltale Church. Parents from the Parents' Association will be collecting outside the church on Thursday evening and Friday morning in the carpark before school. We appreciate any donation you wish to make. No matter how small or large it is, it will be greatly appreciated and there is no pressure on anyone to contribute.





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You are all welcome to come along to our **Christmas Carol Service** this **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 6.30pm in Kiltale Church** and enjoy the beautiful singing performed by the pupils. Thank you to Ms. Donnelly and Eileen Ryan for preparing the pupils for this special event. Pupils can wear their PE uniform with a Christmas Jumper, t-shirt, hat, hairband, etc.



**Christmas Jumper Day** - On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 children can come to school in their own clothes and wear a Christmas Jumper, t-shirt, hat, hairband, etc. Alternatively, pupils can also wear the school tracksuit if they wish to. We ask that children bring a donation for Pieta, to support our Amber Flag initiative. Once again, there is no pressure on anyone to contribute. Also watch out for Santa, he could be passing the school at any time!

We finish **at 12 noon** on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** and re-open on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

Thank you to all the parents for your continued support and cooperation this year.  
Nollaig Shona Daoibh.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
*Colin McElroy*  
Principal

*Orla Dunne*  
Acting Deputy Principal

**Fr. Janusz will be holding Confessions  
in Kiltale Church tomorrow,  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2023, for Senior Classes.**