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5th December 2024

Dear Parents,

On behalf of Kiltale National School we want to thank:

- **TJ Lynch** for making and installing our beautiful new library in the school hall. This is a facility we have been looking forward to getting for many years and thanks to the money raised by the Parents' Association and the skill of TJ Lynch we were able to get this fabulous facility installed this month. All the children will have access to the books and are looking forward to using the library in the months and years ahead.
- **Mark Durnin** for doing all the maintenance jobs around school.
- **Katie and Patrick Kelly** for the beautiful Christmas Tree planted in front of the school. It is our intention that the lighting of the Christmas tree will now be an annual event to mark the beginning of Christmas in Kiltale NS.
- **Keith Maguire** for setting up the lights on the outside Christmas tree.
- Thanks to the **Parents' Association (PA)** for coming into the school today to do baking and art with each class. It was an enjoyable day for all involved. Also thanks to the **PA** for arranging the hot chocolates and refreshments in the hall after the tree lighting ceremony. We are all very grateful to the **PA** for giving up their time and continued support throughout the year.



Please find attached our calendar of events for December and over the Christmas holidays. It has been a busy and enjoyable term so far :-

- All children entered the Tara & District Credit Union Art Competition. We had three winners **Katelyn Kelly, Kyle Parnell and Molly-Rose Ferguson**. Well done to everyone for their lovely artwork.
- Every child designed a unique Christmas Card. Thank you to everyone who bought packs of cards and for your support to raise much needed funds for our school. Nollaig Shona Daoibh!



As you can see from the calendar in December, we have a busy schedule including:

- The Parents' Association are having a Tree Lighting Ceremony tonight Thursday **5th December 2024** from **6.30pm to 8pm** followed by a cake sale, hot chocolates and a Christmas Raffle in the hall. All are Welcome to join us. Please wear appropriate clothing for the adverse weather conditions that are forecast for this evening.
- From Monday **9th December** there will be **NO Written Homework** for the remainder of the term. Children will have **Active homework**, practising their Tin Whistle and **15 to 30 minutes reading per night**.





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- Children can wear their school tracksuit from **Monday 16th December** for the last week of the term.
- On **Monday 16th December** the whole school is attending the *Beauty and the Beast Panto* in the TLT in Drogheda.
 - The bus will be leaving the school at **9am sharp**.
 - We will return to the school by **2.40p.m.**
 - For the children in Junior and Senior Infants please make arrangements to collect your child at this later time.
 - Children should wear their PE uniform, No shorts or Sports gear allowed as everyone is representing the school.
 - No extra money will be necessary on the day.
 - Please ensure your child has a packed lunch (no nuts, fizzy drinks or popcorn, please).
 - Please do not wear, or bring, anything valuable, either monetary or nostalgic, as items often get misplaced.
 - Please make sure you have any required medication with you on the day, e.g., an inhaler, etc., and let your teacher know where you have it stored.
 - **NO electronic or internet enabled devices ie phones, smart watches, etc., are allowed on this trip in accordance with Board of Management policy. Normal school rules apply for all educational excursions.**
- On **Friday 22nd December** children can wear their own clothes with their Christmas Jumper / hat / hairband. Also watch out for SANTA, he could be passing the school!



To prevent any child being left out, we as a school, have decided the giving of Christmas Cards between pupils is **not allowed**.

We finish **at 12 noon** on **Friday 20th December** and re-open on Monday 6th January 2024.

We would like to wish the whole school community a healthy and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Go mbeire bliain ó inniu faoi mhaise orainn - May we all prosper in the year to come.

Board of Management
Kiltale NS

Colin McElroy
Principal

Orla Dunne
Acting Deputy Principal



McCormack Family Farms "Meath Feeding Families and the Homeless"
Please support their campaign this year.
They are looking for:-
food with a long shelf life like, soup, tins of food, biscuits, sweets, crisps, tea, coffee, etc.
You can bring them to the school on or before **Friday 13th December 2024.**
Thanking you in advance for your support.

