10th December, 2013

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

As the Christmas Holidays approach I would like to thank the whole school community for your commitment and co-operation in the school during the term.

2nd class boys have their third ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass this Sunday, December 15th. We hope as many as possible will be able to attend.

Congratulations to the 6th class boys who organised a Cake Sale recently in aid of people in the Philippines. They made €320. Thanks to everybody who sent in baking and to the children for buying on the day!

Well done to our Green Schools Committee for their hard work during the term. The recent clothes collection realised a total of €245.40

Pupils from 3rd & 4th class will sing in Kanturk Community Hospital on this Thursday.

As you know our Parents’ Association are organising a fundraising event this Saturday December 14th at 11a.m. Everybody is welcome to attend. If your child is coming along you may drop him at the Credit Union building at **10.45a.m. and may be collected from there at 12.30**. The children must wear their uniform and a Christmas hat! The Parents’ Association are holding a meeting this Thursday night at 7.30p.m. to finalise the arrangements for Saturday. We hope as many as possible can attend. We remind you of our Christmas raffle taking place in the school on Friday December 20th. Tickets are on sale in the school at a cost of €1 per strip. We thank those who have sponsored the fabulous prizes. Remember if you’re not in you can’t win! We thank the Parents’ Association for their continued support and work in the school.

We invite you and your extended family to come along to our School Mass on Monday December 16th at 1.30p.m. The children may be collected from the school immediately after the Mass.

Pupils from our school will take part in their Annual Carol Singing on Tuesday December 17th at 1.15p.m. in O’Brien Street. Your support will be greatly appreciated and you are most welcome to come and join in the fun. All donations received will be split between our local S.V.P. and school funds.

All our pupils are invited to attend a Christmas Carol Service on Thursday December 19th in Scoil Mhuire Secondary School. We hope the pupils enjoy the service and join in the festive spirit.

We have had a busy sports programme in the school this term. We thank Timmy Burke for taking the 5th and 6th class boys for football. Our third and fourth class boys participated in a football blitz last Thursday in Banteer. They had a great day out. Thanks to all who travelled with the boys on the day. After Christmas will also be busy! 1st - 4th classes will have football with Timmy. 2nd, 3rd and 5th class pupils will be starting swimming. Aaron Jones our tag rugby coach will be starting his sessions with the boys. He will come for six weeks. His fee will be €2 per child. We hope the children enjoy the sessions.

We wish to advise parents that the staff of our school do not expect presents from children. Therefore we would ask you not to be buying presents for staff as we feel that families have more than enough to deal with at these times. If you wish to give something maybe a donation to the S.V.P. would be more appropriate.

I remind you to log on to our school website to keep up to date on school events. The address is [www.stcolmansbnskanturk.com](http://www.stcolmansbnskanturk.com)

Don’t’ forget you can follow us on twitter @colmansbns

I conclude by reminding you that the school will be closing on Friday December 20th at 12.30p.m and will be re-opening on Tuesday January 7th.

Wishing everybody a very happy, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

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Eilish Finnegan,

Principal.

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