

Newsletter

November 2021.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: I wish to thank all parents/guardians and staff for your co-operation during our recent Parent/Teaching meetings. These meetings are still on-going as we continue to meet parents/guardians remotely. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Visual Exploration Dome: On Thursday 11th November, we had Exploration Dome Zoom Workshop for 2nd - 6th classes plus Ms, Walshe's Class. The pupils really enjoyed this zoom workshop.

Christmas Jumper Day/Non Uniform Day: This year we will have two non-uniform days during December. The first of these will take place on Friday 17th December in aid of the new 'Ronald McDonald House'. Staff and pupils will embrace this initiative.

All funds raised will go towards this worthy project. Children will be asked to bring in whatever they deem appropriate in lieu of school uniform on this day. Parents/guardians will be able to contribute. You can contribute to this worthy cause as you drop your children to school on December 17th as staff will have buckets outside as you drop your children to school. We look forward to seeing you in your festive gear!

Our second non-uniform day will be Wednesday, 22nd December, the day we get our Christmas Holidays. There will be no charge for not wearing school uniform on this day. On both days children will have the option of wearing full school uniform, casual clothes or Christmas jumper. Thanking you in advance of your co-operation.

Christmas Annuals: Christmas Annuals are on sale again this year. The cost of the annuals are €3. If you wish to purchase an annual this year please give your name to your class teacher with €3 before December 3rd. Annuals will be distributed on Monday December 7th.

Car Parking: Please continue to respect Disabled Parking Spaces at all times. Thanks to all parents/guardians and staff for adhering to the "reverse park" procedures in place at the parents/guardians car park. Please continue to allow adequate space for school buses to swing in/swing out of the Set-Down area.

Covid-19: The last three months have been very trying and difficult times for everyone. As a school community, we will continue to play our part in making our school as safe as possible for staff and pupils.

I urge everyone to 'stick with' the restrictions. Please continue to wear masks at all times when on school grounds. Please socially distance when dropping/collecting your children and leave the school grounds immediately after you collect your children.

Within the school, we continue to do all we can to keep your children safe and healthy. Our pupils regularly wash their hands, sanitise and stay in their pods/bubbles at all times.

Music Zoom for 2nd classes: On Tuesday, 16th November, the pupils in 2nd class had a music zoom session which the 2nd class pupils really enjoyed.

Christmas Holidays: The school will break for Christmas Holidays on Wednesday, 22nd December at 12 noon and re-open on Thursday, 6th January, 2022.

Derek Jordan: I welcome Derek to the staff of Coosan National School as our new caretaker. Derek was appointed in late October and has settled in well to his new role.

Fr. Declan: It was a sad day when news broke that Fr. Declan was taking up a new role working with the Defence Forces. Fr. Declan was Chairperson of the Board of Management of Coosan National School for the last 16 years. During that time Fr. Declan was an integral part of our school community. He was a friend to every member of staff. His sense of humour, his firm handshake, his practical advice and his support in times of sadness will be greatly missed. His greatest achievement was overseeing the construction of our new school in his capacity as Chairperson of the Board of Management. The staff wish Fr. Declan every good wish and success in his new role.

Fr. Pat: The staff are delighted to welcome Fr. Pat as Fr. Declan's replacement. We hope he has many happy years in his new role as Chairperson of our Board of Management.

Parents Association:

The Parents' Association is busy making preparations for its Christmas activities! The PA's Christmas Raffle will go ahead this year and we have some great prizes thanks to the generosity of the parent body and local

businesses. Raffle cards will be distributed to children in the week of 29th November in the school and must be returned by Monday 13th December, with the draw to take place on 16th December. All funds raised will go towards new initiatives for our children in the school.

The PA is once again planning a beautiful Christmas display outside the school this year in cooperation with other local groups. We are also helping the school staff to prepare for a visit from a very special guest in the run up to Christmas! Can you guess who it is?

The next PA meeting will take place at 9pm on Tuesday 7th December. All parents and guardians of children in the school are welcome to participate and new faces are encouraged to attend any time! Details will be circulated via the PA WhatsApp group and the Class Liaisons. If you would like to be included on the PA WhatsApp group please contact the school office to be put in touch with a Committee member or e-mail us directly at coosanschoolpa@gmail.com.