

## December 2019 Newsletter

The Christmas season is in full swing in St. Dominic's. We will have lots of activities taking place over the next few weeks.

### Primary Language Curriculum Day (School Closure)

The Department of Education is updating the Primary Language Curriculum. Training is to be provided for all teachers and this will necessitate some closures during this school year. **The first closure will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Junior Concert

Our Junior pupils (Junior Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class) will have their concert in the hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This is always one of the highlights of the school year. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Senior Concert

Our Senior pupils (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) will have their concert on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am. All parents are welcome to this event also.

### Sam Maguire & Brendan Martin trophies

The Sam Maguire & Brendan Martin trophies will pay a visit to St Dominic's School on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm approximately. Please wear in your Dublin colours.

### School Traffic

St Dominic's Road and Mountain Park are very busy in the morning and afternoons. These roads can become very congested with traffic. It is important that parents obey the rules of the road and park only where it is legal to do so. Some parents are parking on double yellow lines/blocking driveways. I may be forced to report parents who do this to the Gardaí. The safety of our pupils should always be the priority. All pupils/parents should also cross the road with the School Traffic Warden and not in between parked cars.

### School Raffle

We will have our annual raffle on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. We have a wonderful top prize of a Nintendo Switch this year. We have several excellent hampers and other prizes also. They will all be on display in the school from next week. Tickets have been sent home to all family messengers and further tickets can be purchased in the office.

### Punctuality

We are promoting punctuality this term in school. Pupils should be in their line for 8.50am in the morning. Some pupils are arriving later and later each morning and they are missing valuable teaching time. All children who are late arriving must enter the school through the front door. We have colour-coded clock for pupils to let them know if they are late or on-time.

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed (Primary Language Curriculum)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> at 11am	Junior Concert
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> at 11am	Senior Concert
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> at 11am	Attendance Prizes & Xmas Raffle
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> at 12.00	School closes for Christmas Break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 8.50am	School re-opens

### Santa Claus

I had a phone call from the North Pole recently. Santa was enquiring about all the pupils in St. Dominic's NS. I was happy to tell him that all the children were very well behaved this year, especially our new Junior Infants classes!

On behalf of all the staff of St. Dominic's NS may I wish all our pupils and parents a Happy Christmas. Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh.