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Christmas Shoe Boxes: Thank you to all the children & Parents who supported the Christmas Shoe Box appeal. Team Hope Ireland would like to extend their thanks for your continued support in ensuring children in poor areas of the world receive a gift on Christmas Day.



Book Fair: Huge thanks to everyone who supported the Book Fair this year. A total of **€650** was raised which will be used to provide additional reading material for the children.



Christmas Raffle: We hope to hold the Christmas raffle again this year. Each family is asked to sell a card. Lines are €2 each. Any donations which could be included in a hamper or prizes for the draw would be gratefully accepted. Prizes so far include €120 of Briquettes from Bord na Mona & a voucher for € of oil



Christmas Concert: The Christmas Concert this year will be on Wednesday 20th December at 7.00 p.m. in Ballinahown Hall. Children from 1st to 6th Classes will be presenting their Shows on the night. Junior & Senior Infants will present their Show earlier in the day at 12.45 in the school Hall. There is no cover charge for the concert & extra raffle cards will be available on the night. The Raffle will take place at the Interval.



Puppet Show: We are hosting a puppet show on Thursday 14th December at **12.30** for the Junior Classes in the Hall. It is presented by OM Ireland & it 'explores the real reason for the celebration of Christmas'. This was a very enjoyable presentation last year and any family with younger children who would like to join us are very welcome to attend. Cost is €2 per child.



Courtyard Project: This project has been deferred until Spring when the weather should be drier and we hope to have it completed for Music Evening next year.



The Boiler Project: We recently received confirmation from the Department of Education that we are to receive extra funding to make up the shortfall in replacing the Boiler in the school. The boiler is the original which was installed when the school was built so after 35+ years it is not operating to maximum efficiency. The Board would like to acknowledge & thank the Parents who

have helped in bringing the Project to this point. The project should be completed over the Easter holidays.



Clothes Collection: The final collection of the year will be on Wednesday 13th Dec. If any friends or neighbours are having a clear out before Christmas we would be grateful for all donations. Many thanks to everyone who has donated to the clothes collection throughout the year.



Used Batteries & Ink Cartridges: We are always collecting used batteries & used Ink Cartridges. You may find over Christmas that you use extra batteries. The collection boxes are in the staff room & batteries / cartridges can be left in at any time. These are given to the LauraLynn Foundation to raise funds.



Coffee Morning: The 6th Class will host a coffee morning on Thursday 21st December at 11 am. All Parents, grandparents, relatives, friends & community are welcome.



Jumble Sale: The annual Jumble Sale will be held on Friday 15th December. The 6th Class children are accepting donations of toys, books, games etc. All items are priced at 50c or 20c. The 6th Class choose a charity each year to donate to & the children have chosen **Crumlin**

Children's Hospital this year.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on next Friday 8th December. We will be taking the children to Mass in Ballinahown Church on this day.



Dates for your Diary:

Friday 8th December – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Mass
Wednesday 13th December – Clothes Collection
Thursday 14th December – Puppet Show @ 12.30 pm
Friday 15th December – 6th Class Jumble Sale
Wednesday 20th December – Infants Show @ 12.45 pm
Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Concert @ 7.00 pm
Thursday 21st December – Coffee Morning
Friday 23rd December - Christmas Holidays @12 noon
Monday 8th January – School re-opens



Finally we would like to thank everyone who has helped us throughout the year, in all the Fund raising efforts, clothes collection, Big Breakfast, Music Evening, Scarecrow Garden, etc; helping with setting up the Hall for the various events; helping out in school garden / tidy up; travelling with children to various events, matches etc; First Communion & Confirmation; & the myriad of occasions when Parents are available & help out in whatever way they can. Your help & support is gratefully appreciated by Staff & children.

Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh!