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Board of Management: Following the recent Ballot for Parent Nominees to the Board of Management we would like to welcome Mrs. Joan Hennessy Browne & Mr. Rupert Flood. Thank you to all Parents who participated & who returned their Ballots.

Scarecrow Event: A very big 'Thank You' to all the Parents who have helped out in the organisation of the 'Scarecrow' event this year. Thank you to everyone who participated, who helped out with the refreshments and who helped make it a most enjoyable evening. Thank you also to the sponsors of the Smyths Toys vouchers for the children, to Mr Tommy Parker & Eastern Electrical, to Mr. Michael Concannon & to the Parents Association for their generosity.

Safety Week: We have been highlighting 'Safety' these past few weeks. Each child has received a 'High Vis Vest' and Armbands. Parent Leaflets have also been distributed and there are still some available inside the front door. In the darkness of Winter it is essential that people 'light up' when going out. We would encourage children to be aware of Safety at all times.

Jersey Day: There was a very colourful turnout for Jersey Day on 13th October this year. Thank you to everyone who took part. A total of **€125** was raised for Goal.



'Trick or Treat for Temple Street': Thank you also to everyone who donated to 'Trick or Treat for Temple Street' both during the day at school & at the 'Scarecrow event' In total **€230** was raised.

Science Week: Science week runs from 12th to the 19th November this year. The children will be participating in some of the events where they will be conducting some experiments & activities. We hope to apply again for the 'Award of Science & Maths Excellence' in the school this year 2017 – 2018 & as part of the Award the children will be taking part in Science Week. More information may be obtained on www.primaryscience.ie



Christmas Shoebox Appeal: Children recently received leaflets regarding the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This is a lovely venture for children to take part in as they fill the boxes with small items to be presented to children in less well off areas of the world. Thank you to all the parents and children who have returned shoeboxes. They are scheduled to be collected on 17th November to ensure the Shoeboxes reach their destination by Christmas.

Music: Music lessons will be starting shortly. Children will be sized for violins & the cost of lessons is €45 for the year, which can be paid in instalments.

Head lice: There has been an outbreak of Head Lice in the school & we would appeal to Parents to check heads regularly & treat the hair accordingly to eliminate further outbreaks.

Musical: The 5th & 6th Class have been invited by Athlone Community College to attend their presentation of the Musical “The Wedding Singer” which is being staged in the Dean Crowe Theatre in Athlone. The Musical will be on Tuesday 28th November & the bus costs €5.

Book Fair: The school is hosting a Book Fair from Tuesday 28th November until Tuesday 5th December. If you would like to see a and/or purchase some books the Fair will be open on Wednesday morning from 9.20 until 10.00 and Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 until 3.00 pm and again on Friday at the same times.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November. This year we hope to facilitate a process where parents can go online & book an appointment slot to see their child’s teacher. When you access the site first you will be asked to register so that confirmation can be sent to you by email. If you have any difficulty please contact the school. Appointments can be made at: https://ptcfast.com/schools/St_Colmcille_s_N_S_

Christmas Story: There will be a puppet presentation of the “Christmas Story” in the Hall on Thursday 14th December for the Junior classes. 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.

Christmas Concert: With Christmas just around the corner we are hoping to have a concert on Wednesday 20th December, in the Hall. This is a provisional date at the moment & will be confirmed as soon as possible. Further details will issue later.

Clothes Recycling: Thank you to all the parents who have been donating clothes on an ongoing basis. We hope to have a clothes pick up on Wednesday 13th December & we would be very grateful for all donations. Please tell your neighbours, relatives & friends who may be doing a ‘Spring Clean’ & clothes may be dropped in at the school at any time. As well as clothes, items such as bed clothes, curtains, shoes, bags etc can also be donated.

Congratulations: Finally we would also like to send heartiest congratulations to Ms Doughan and her husband Joe on the birth of their new baby son Sam Carroll. We would also like to welcome Ms Deirdre Farrell to the staff, who replaces Ms Doughan while she is on Maternity leave.

Dates to note:

- Science Week – 12th-19th November
- Shoebox collection – pick up 17th November
- Athlone Community College Musical – Tuesday 28th November
- Parent Teacher Meetings – Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November
- Setanta Book Fair – Tuesday 28th November until Tuesday 5th December
- Clothes Recycling Pick Up – Wednesday 13th December
- Christmas Story Puppet presentation – Thursday 14th December
- Christmas Concert(Provisional) – Wednesday 20th December
- Christmas Holidays – Friday 22nd December (closing at 12.00 noon)

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