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Family Note #3

Dear parents,

Time is passing so quickly, it is hard to believe that we are talking about Christmas already. I hope that all our school community are looking forward to this wonderful time of year full of excitement!

St. Brendan's College Transition year: We were delighted to welcome back past pupil Luke Doolan who completed his transition year experience with us this week.

Enrolment 2024: Applications for our Junior Infant class 2024 are now open. Application forms are available to download from our website or directly from the office. The closing date is February 16th 2024.

Christmas Shoe box appeal: We wish to thank everyone who took part in our Christmas Show box appeal this year. Over 70 boxes were collected and sent to Team hope for distribution to make children around the world very happy this year.

Book fair: Our Book Fair will arrive in the school on Wednesday next, 29th November. All classes will have an opportunity to browse through the books during the day. Books will be for sale on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, 4th and 5th December from 1.30pm-2.45pm. Pupils can visit the hall at these times to purchase books. The Book fair will also open on Tuesday evening, 5th December from 6pm-8pm. All welcome. Huge thank you to our Parent's Association for facilitating this.

Parent Teacher meetings: Parent teacher meetings take place on Wednesday, 22nd and Wednesday 29th November in the school hall. If any parents cannot attend, please contact the class teacher via seesaw to schedule a new date.

Halloween Dress up: Our Halloween dress up in aid of CHI hospitals at Crumlin, Temple Street and Connolly was a huge success. Well done to all our pupils for raising €250 for this great cause.

New Maths Curriculum: As you may be aware, a new maths Curriculum has been developed and will be rolled out in all schools over the coming years. This year, staff members will be engaging in training for this new curriculum. This will necessitate an additional school closure for an in-service day. We

have not been notified of this date as of yet, but we will give you as much notice as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

New doors: As you may have been noticed, new doors have been installed in our school. These will make our school much more energy efficient and safer.

Board of Management 2023-2027: As you are aware, our new Board of Management will be in place from December 1st. A huge thank you to our outgoing Board of management for their help and support over the past four years.

Birthday invitations: We are hoping to roll out a new system of birthday invitations in the school. In the coming weeks, we will send a permission slip via Aladdin. Please tick 'yes' if you wish your name and number to be included on a list of parents in the class. If your child is celebrating a birthday, you may request the list from the school office. This will save parents sending in party invitations and parents can be contacted via phone instead.

Parent's Association coffee morning: Our parent's association are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday, 28th November at 9am in the school hall. This is an opportunity for new and existing parents to come, meet and find out what the parent's association is all about. All welcome.

Rotary Club wine and art evening: We are delighted to have been included as a beneficiary of this year's event. It will take place on Wednesday evening, 29th November in the Great Southern Hotel. Staff members will be volunteering both on the night and on the run up to the event. The tickets we sell through the school, will benefit our school only. Money raised will be used to purchase resources for our classrooms and our support room. We would really appreciate if you could purchase tickets from the school office before this Friday. We appreciate you support.

Finally, I wish you and your families a safe and exciting build up to this festive season. Thank you as always for your support.

Regards,

B O'Sullivan