



For Child Safeguarding: The DLP is Mr Brennan and the DDLP is Mr Bolton

DECEMBER 2022

Dates for your Diary

Dec 9th: Mass at **11.30**.to mark the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Pupils to bring a food item (see table).

Dec 16th: St Fiacc's Christmas concert. This concert will take place in St. Fiacc's Hall. The concert will be in two parts. **Infants - 2nd** concert will run from **11am - 12.30pm**. **3rd - 6th** concert will run from **1pm - 2.30pm**. Donations will be accepted at the door and calendars will be for sale at €10.

Dec 21st: St Fiacc's closes at **12.00pm** for the Christmas Holidays and reopens on January 5th.

Junior and Sen Infants will be collected at 11:50

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class will be collected at 12:00

Dec 21st: Christmas Jumper fundraiser. Pupils may wear a Christmas jumper to school. €2 Donation please. (Money goes to paying for the school's seesaw package)

Jan 5th: Pupils return to school. Mass to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on January 6th.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thanks to everybody who contributed to our shoebox appeal. As a result 97 boxes of gifts will be heading to children in need.



Green School

As a Green School we discourage pupils purchasing Christmas Cards for each other. Instead pupils will design cards as an Art Activity. Let's keep Green and reduce cardboard.

Family Contribution Reminder

To allow us to continue to ensure that your children enjoy the best of facilities we request a small voluntary contribution from each family. So we are asking every family to contribute €5 on



the first Wednesday of every month. This payment can also be made through Aladdin Connect.
Date of next contribution: Wed Dec 7th

School Calendar

St Fiacc's 2023 school calendar is available to order and will be distributed mid December. It costs €10. Many thanks to all the businesses who took out an ad in the calendar. The calendar features photos of all our pupils. Preorder now through Aladdin Connect or the office while stocks last. The calendars will also be for sale at our Christmas Concert

Living Our Ethos

We celebrate Advent as a whole school through use of the Advent Wreath and Jesse tree at our virtual Friday Assemblies.

Food Hampers

The Parish is distributing Food Hampers this Christmas to Families in need. Every year we ask every pupil to bring in 1 item to help build the hamper. The items are listed below. Your support will make a huge difference to families this Christmas. Please bring item into class next week and place in box at the back of the classroom

List of food items for Christmas Hampers : Mass of the Immaculate Conception/mass of giving: December 9th

Junior Infants: Ms. Reddy: Tea Ms. Hutton: Tea Ms. O'Brien: Biscuits	Senior Infants : Mrs. Daly : Box of Cereal Mrs Nolan: Porridge Mr Nolan: Weetabix
First Class : Ms Byrne: Pringles Ms. Coakley: Ketchup Ms O'Neill: Pringles	Second Class : Ms. McCarthy: Beans Ms. Roche: Beans Mr. Groarke: Coffee
Third Class : Ms Mullen : Hot Chocolate Ms. Ronan: Mayonnaise Ms. Davitt: Bag of Sweets	Fourth Class : Ms. Hennessy :Jam Ms. Kavanagh: Gravy Granules Ms. Tuite: Biscuits
Fifth Class : Ms. Ivory: Fruit Juice Miss Scully: Tinned Fruit Ms Ni Cheallaigh: Tinned Soup	Sixth Class: Mr. O Flaherty: Fruit Juice Mr. Keogh: Minerals Ms. Minnock: Minerals



Every School Day Counts

This month we have been encouraging our pupils to come to school every day and complete our 20 day challenge. Pictured below are our Art Competition winners who created posters with the slogan Every School Day Counts. Our posters are having a real effect. Our attendance rate this month is 89.5% compared to 86.4% last November.



School Inspection

Our school's inspection on SPHE took place last week Nov 22nd - 23rd. The initial feedback was quite positive. A formal Report will be drafted and published in January. In addition the school was found to be compliant in its Child Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying procedures.

HSCL Good Grub Initiative

Our school has been included in the Tesco Stronger Starts programme in partnership with Good Grub, meaning delivery of weekly fruit and vegetable packs for collection/delivery to nominated class groupings. This initiative encourages children to include fresh fruit and



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vegetables in their diet. Recipe cards included in the packs are designed to encourage the children to get involved in this good food preparation. This initiative has been very successful to date and all classes from Junior infants to second class have had an opportunity to partake in the programme to date. It will be rolled out to all classes from 3rd to 6th in the coming weeks. (misspayne@stfiaccs.com)