



# Christmas Update



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. We want to update everyone on our plans for Christmas in Scoil Ide, 2020.

**Week 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> December:** Scoil Ide has a new pupil, he is dressed in green and red and he will be hiding around our school grounds. I have asked all the children to keep an eye out for this little fellow. Teachers will be encouraging pupils to use gaeilge when talking about the elf.

**Christmas Cards:** We are asking children to refrain from sharing Christmas cards in Scoil Ide this year. We hope you understand as we are committed to keeping everyone safe.

**21<sup>st</sup> December:**

- The annual SIPA raffle will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, with each class guaranteed 2 prizes this year. Children are asked to bring in 2 euro on the 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> of December to be in with a chance of winning a prize.
- SIPA kindly purchased a licence to watch an online Panto from the Civic Theatre. The class teacher will organise a viewing time that suits their particular class.
- A special visitor will hopefully be making an appearance on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**No Uniforms:** Children can wear their festive clothing on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December.

**Presents for staff:** We understand that parents want to acknowledge and show appreciation of staff, however, for the same reason we cannot allow the sharing of Christmas cards, we also cannot allow the exchanging of gifts. Please postpone these gestures of kindness until the end of the school year in June 2021.

**Community Focus:** If children are creating for the elderly in our community, could they please bring their work to school on or before Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you all for your kindness.

The children have been decorating their classroom doors and creating other festive pieces. Pictures of this work and other work samples will be up on our school twitter account. Find us on twitter @scoilidepps

The school will close on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Christmas Holidays. Further information will be in our Thursday newsletter.

Catherine Keane and the Scoil Ide Team.