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Dear Parents,

As the year draws to a close here a number of items for your attention:

1. **Christmas Mass**

Our Christmas Mass will be held in the Church on Thursday, December 21st, at 10:00am. All are welcome to attend! Unfortunately, we do not have staff available for supervision, so if you don't want your child to attend Mass, kindly come to the school at **9:30am** to collect them.

2. **Junior Infant Vaccinations**

Junior Infant vaccinations take place tomorrow, December 12th, 2017. **The school's Board of Management requires that parents are present with their child for the vaccination. If a parent cannot be present and wants another adult to accompany their child, they must provide the school with written permission stating the name of the attending adult.** Parents of Junior Infant pupils may come to the school during **either** of the two following time slots:

- **10:00am to 11:00am OR 11:30am to 12:30pm**

3. **Staff Leaving:**

It is with regret that we bid farewell to two staff members. Ms Dunne will not be returning to the school after Christmas as she is moving to a new position. Also, our Secretary, André, will finish work in Scoil Íde on December 22nd. André will also take up a new position in the New Year. We thank both Ms Dunne & André for their work in Scoil Íde & wish them both the very best in their new positions.

4. **Junior & Senior Infant Christmas Plays**

- Junior Infants Rm 1, 2 & 10 is at 11:15 on Tuesday December 19th 2017 in the Hall
- Senior Infants Rm 3 & 4 is at 11:15 on Wednesday December 20th in the Hall.

5. **Substitute Teachers:**

The school is finding it extremely difficult to get substitute teachers. There is a shortage of substitute teachers, especially in the Dublin area. We are currently short two substitute teachers on our staff. Therefore if a teacher is absent, we may have no choice but to split a class. We realise this is unsatisfactory, but due to the lack of subs, we may have no choice. Children who are taken home by parents will be marked absent. We ask for your understanding, we always try to do everything we can to get a substitute teacher to avoid splitting children.

6. **Parent Portal**

Our school is delighted to announce that we have already rolled out the Aladdin Schools Parent Portal to parents/guardians of children in our Junior Infant, Senior Infant & 1st Classes and we will continue with the rest of the school the in the New Year. You will receive notification via email to register for the Parent Portal This will be important for accessing your child's homework, end of year reports, attendance, etc. Reports will be issued through the Parent Portal **only** in June 2018.

7. **School Closure**

School closes for all classes for Christmas Holidays at **12:00pm on Friday, December 22nd, 2017.**

**On behalf of the Board of Management and Staff of Scoil Íde, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We are grateful for your support and look forward to 2018.
Nollaig Shona dhaoibh go leir.**

O. Ní Odhráin
Principal.

