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 **December 2024**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

It has been a busy but successful term so far in Scoil Mhuire.

**1. Christmas Holidays:**

The school will close on **Friday 20th December** for Christmas Holidays andwill re-open on **Monday 6th January** 2025.

**2. Morning Drop:**

The school gate between the Senior and Junior schools is opened daily at **9.00 am.** Children should walk to their line in the yard and wait there for their teacher. If children arrive in school **after 9:15** they must be accompanied to the reception by an adult and signed in.

**3. Christmas Concert**

This will take place on **Tuesday 17th December** at 11:30am. All classes from Junior Infants to 6th Class will take part in. We will be asking for €5 per ticket on the day as a fundraiser for the school.

4. **Christmas Songs in Navan Shopping Centre**

All children from 1st to 6th class will be going to the shopping Centre to sing Christmas songs between 11am and 12:40 pm on **Wednesday 11th December**. They need to wear their full school uniform and a Christmas hat. Your support on the day would be appreciated so please drop in if you can.

**5. Collecting Pupils Early:**

Children should only be collected early from school for a **valid reason**. Please call to reception when collecting where you must fill in an **early collection form**. It is not possible to arrange collection without prior notice. When returning a child to the school please do so through reception. Our aim is to keep all your children safe so thanks for your cooperation with this.

**5. School Car Park:**

Please use the **parking spaces** provided and reverse into the space as it is safer to see children in front of the car as you begin to drive out. Please drive slowly out of the school as there will be children walking across the car park.

**6. Aladdin Connect:**

Please download the app if you have not already done so. A code is available from the office on request. In order to use the app we must have the correct phone number for you on file. If you require any assistance with the app please contact Ms. Geraghty or our Secretary at reception.

**7. Attendance Initiative**

In the month of December each class will receive a hot chocolate treat on a mystery day. Please make sure your child attends school every day except when they are sick so they do not miss out of this special treat.

**8. H.S.C.L:**

Ms. Geraghty is our Home School Community Liaison teacher. She is available from 9.10 -3.00 pm every day. The number is **086 8057826** and she can also be contacted on hsclscoilmhuirenavan@gmail.com.

**9. Zeeko Online Safety Talks:**

The children from 2nd to 6th will have internet safety talks on Tuesday 14th January. They will learn about the importance of safety online. These talks are delivered by Zeeko. Children under the age of 13 should not have access to social media. We advise all parents/ guardians that phone access is supervised at all times to protect your children from harmful material online.

**10. Junior Infants 2024/25:**

If you have a son/daughter who is starting Junior Infants in September 2025 please contact the office for an Application Form. You can also download a form from the school website. Children should attend **pre-school** in the years before starting school. The ECCE scheme is free and parents can avail of it from the time their child is 2 years and 8 months. Please contact Ms. Geraghty or Ms. Hayden if you need more information on pre-schools in the area.

Thank you for your co-operation and I would like to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas.

Fiona Hayden

*School Principal*