

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO TEACHERS

While it is a lovely gesture, and in line with Covid-19 guidelines, we ask parents not to give presents to the teachers at Christmas. Instead, perhaps, the St Vincent de Paul Appeal might be the beneficiary.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The school will close on **Tuesday 22nd Dec.**

Junior/Senior Infants will go home at **11.50 a.m.**

1st /2nd Classes will go home at **12.00 noon.**

The school will re-open on Wednesday, 6th Jan 2021, at **8.50 a.m**



EVERY
CHILD IS A
different KIND OF *flower,*
AND ALL TOGETHER,
MAKE THIS WORLD
A *Beautiful*
GARDEN.



November/December Newsletter

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Celebrating Christmas

Each class plans to upload a short festive video to our website in the run up to Christmas. As you will understand, our usual Christmas Carol Services/Nativity Musicals cannot take place this year. This will not dampen the Christmas Spirit in BSNS. We have much to look forward to!!

We will also organise a non-uniform day on **Friday 18th December.** Santa hats and Christmas jumpers at the ready!



ENROLMENT

Application forms for Enrolment for the 2021/2022 school year will be available online from our website in January. Completed application forms must be submitted before the end of January.

Places will be offered in mid February as per our Admission Policy.

We look forward to welcoming the children to Bishop Shanahan N.S. next September.

ASD UNIT

We are delighted to report that our ASD unit opened in September. Our teachers and SNA's have created a welcoming environment for children with ASD to flourish. We are limited in the number of children we can accept as the only space available is a small resource room.

It was disappointing for BSNS, therefore, to be misrepresented in the media earlier this month. The BOM has written to the Department of Education asking them to correct the record and acknowledge the school's proactive role in establishing an ASD unit.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

A new format for Parent/Teacher meetings was trialled by the Junior Infant teachers earlier this month. Teachers arranged to hold meetings over the phone and the response was very positive. In light of this success, 2nd class will hold their Parent/Teacher phone calls beginning **Tuesday 1st December**. Senior Infants and 1st class teachers will organise their Parent/Teacher meetings early in the new year.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

Over the years, our St Vincent de Paul annual collection has been a great success. The school community has donated many, many van loads of non-perishable food to the local conference of St. Vincent de Paul and they have always been overwhelmed and very thankful for the volume of food donated. Your generosity was a lifeline to this charity as they sought to make Christmas a little happier for others.

Our appeal this year must take Covid-19 guidelines into account. We are proposing that, should you wish to continue to support St. Vincent de Paul this year, you can place a donation in a sealed envelope. Your child can bring the envelope to school on Friday **10th December** and place it in a box outside their classroom. The local St. Vincent de Paul representative will collect the boxes and will abide by quarantine guidelines before handling the envelopes. Food vouchers will replace the hampers of previous years.

Regrettably we cannot take envelopes before or after this date as we do not keep money on the school premises.

COVID - 19

We wish to thank you all for your efforts to support us in complying with the new restrictions. Many new regimes were put in place and the children have taken these on board with commendable diligence and enthusiasm.

Thank you for adapting to the new practices around homework as we adhere to a quarantine period in relation to books and materials.