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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
18th December 2019

Happy Christmas

This is our final newsletter for 2019. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and wish you all peace, health and happiness in 2020. Please note the school will close on Friday 20th for the Christmas break as follows:

<u>Class Level</u>	<u>Finishing Time</u>
Junior Infants to 2 nd Class	11.40am
3 rd Classes to 6 th Classes	12.00 noon

Please collect your child on time. School will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.50am as normal.

John Morgan

After 40 Years of Service to St. Mochta's National School, Mr. Morgan will be retiring at the end of the week. On behalf of our whole school community, we would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr. Morgan the very best in the next chapter of his life. Thank you so much for your dedicated service to our school.

A reminder from our Eco Warriors!

St. Mochta's National School is very proud of its Green School status. We make every effort to **REDUCE, REUSE** and **RECYCLE** as much as possible. This Christmas, we are appealing to you as parents to support us in our cause by asking your child to ***refrain from sending cards to their classmates***. By reducing our paper waste, we in St. Mochta's can play our part in taking care of our planet.

Visit from Mr. Claus

A big THANK YOU goes to the Parents' Association for organising Santa's visit to our school yesterday. Santa was so delighted to hear all the children singing and being so good. They are all definitely on the "good list" this year!

First Class Plays

Congratulations and well done to all the boys and girls in 1st Class who welcomed their parents and guardians to the school yesterday and today to enjoy their amazing Christmas Plays. We are so proud of our children and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did! Thank you to the teachers, Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Fitzgerald, Ms. Carroll and Ms. Walsh and Ms. Buckley, for all their work preparing the children.

Carols Around the Tree

All classes will enjoy a Carol Service in the PE Hall tomorrow. We hope all children enjoy this tradition of singing carols around our Christmas Tree. Special thanks to Mr. Cryan and all our teachers for helping the children to prepare for this occasion.

Traffic Wardens

A special **Thank you** to Lucy, Bridie and Martina for keeping our children safe throughout the year. Our Traffic Wardens have left a lollipop for every child in the school. These will be distributed to the children tomorrow. Huge thanks to Lucy, Bridie and Martina for their generosity.

Lost Property

There is a large number of unclaimed jumpers, coats, etc., in the Lost Property Area. Any items left will be brought to the Recycling Centre after school on Friday. If you are missing any items, please check the Lost Property before Friday.

Class Calendars

The PA distributed class calendars to all classes yesterday.

Dates for your Diary

20 th December 2019	School finishes as follows on the last day of school <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11.40 am - Junior Infants to 2nd Classes• 12.00 noon – 3rd to 6th Classes
6 th January 2020	School reopens at 8.50am
13 th January 2020	Confirmation Candidates - - 2 nd Parent Meeting at St. Mochta's Church at 7.30pm
15 th and 16 th January 2020	The school photographer will be coming to visit the school on these days.. Children should wear their full school uniform on these days. Further information will follow in the New Year.
20 th January 2020	First Holy Communion Candidates – 2 nd Parent Meeting at St. Mochta's Church at 7.30pm

Community News

- OH YES WE ARE!!!!: Our Parish Panto ALI BABA AND THE 40 THIEVES will take place in the Parish Centre on Thurs. 23rd Jan, Friday 24th Jan, and Sat. 25th Jan. at 7.30pm. We will have two matinees, Sat. 25th Jan and Sunday, 26th at 2.30pm. Tickets are available from the Sacristy after any mass or from the Parish Office.

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