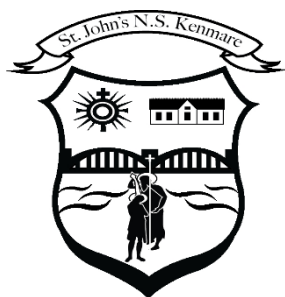


# NEWSLETTER – December 2022



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## Upcoming School Closings:

**Closing:** Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> for Christmas Holidays at 11.45a.m. for Infant pupils and 12 noon for pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

**Re-opening:** Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 9.20a.m.

**Closed:** Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday

**Closed:** Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> - Mid-term break.

## Dates for your diary:



Confirmation: Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3.30p.m.

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30a.m.

## Christmas Performances:



Christmas Carol Services will be presented in Holy Cross Church, Kenmare for pupils from Third to Sixth class on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.45a.m.

All are welcome to attend. Christmas presentations for classes Junior Infants- Second Class will take place Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.30-12:15 p.m. in the School Hall.

## **Carol Singing:**

The school choir will perform Christmas Carols in SuperValu from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be fundraising at this event. Your support is greatly appreciated.



## **Santa Visit:**

On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Santa will visit all the pupils on St John's N.S. We are looking forward to his visit.

## **Christmas Jumper Day:**



Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> is designated as non-uniform Day, when instead of uniform, pupils can wear a Christmas Jumper, T-shirt or Christmas colours. By wearing your festive wear to school, you can help support the local St. Vincent de Paul, so please support this worthy cause by giving €2 to class teachers on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Trip to the Dáil**

Ms. Healy and Mr. Morley's 6<sup>th</sup> classes had a terrific school trip to Dublin and specifically Leinster House in November. Senator and Cathaoirleach of the Seanad Mark Daly looked after all the students and everyone enjoyed the tour of Leinster House, the Dáil and the Seanad, along with a visit to Mark's office. The children loved the train journey, the Luas trip, some food and shopping in Jervis Centre. The children represented their school and their families very well. Many thanks to all staff members who travelled including Mr. O'Leary, Ms. Healy, Mr. Morley, Mrs. O'Mahony, Deirdre McCarthy and Maureen Harrington.

## **Reading Buddies:**

The student council has reintroduced Reading Buddies. A Reading Buddy sits with a child and reads a story to them, making reading fun and more engaging. The children are really enjoying reading and listening to all the stories.



## **Parents Association:**

The Parents Association organised a pre-loved Christmas Jumper Recycle Sale on December 1<sup>st</sup>. A coffee morning was held in the school hall where there was a pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale, Christmas Hamper raffle and festive music. It was a great success and €1,065 was raised. It was a great opportunity for parents, grandparents and guardians to come to the school.



## **Science Week:**

The classes had a great time showing off their investigation skills as part of Science Week 2022. Science Week activities included Science TV, construction exercises, researching scientists, erupting volcanoes & self-inflating balloons.

## **Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal:**

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Our school community collected 222 boxes for Christmas 2022, the largest amount collected to date at St. John's N.S. Thank you to our students, staff and parents for your huge generosity. A special thank you to Ms. Spillane's 5<sup>th</sup> Class for coordinating the collection.

*On behalf of all the staff and pupils of St. John's N.S., we would like to wish you a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.*

*Many thanks for your co-operation during 2022.*

*Barry O'Leary*

Barry O'Leary,  
Principal.



*Merry  
Christmas*