

## Guardian Angels' National School - **Your** Parent Teacher Association Newsletter

#### December 2019

#### Dates for your diary

First Term

Infant class plays: Dec 10<sup>TH</sup>

School Carol service: Dec 12th at 19.00

Christmas Break: Dec 20<sup>th</sup> school closing at 12:30 and reopening on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Second Term

Sixth class Confirmation Preparation-Ceremony of light: Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 19.30

Communion Second class preparation - First Confession: Mar 4<sup>th</sup> at 19.30

Confirmation: Mar 27<sup>th</sup> @

Dunnes stores bag pack:

Date tbc (56 volunteers will be required)

#### Third Term

First Holy Communion:

May 09th @ 11am

What a busy, fun and enjoyable fundraising 1st term it has been for our school with the sponsored walk, school disco, Christmas cards and of course the famous cake sale. We couldn't have done it without all of our great volunteers. A heartfelt thank-you to you all and Wishing you all a very Happy and Relaxing Christmas. We are looking forward to seeing you all again next term for more fun fundraising and hosting of school's social events (bag pack &confirmation ceremony).



Cake Sale: Wow what a success the Cake sale was on Nov 29th. Well done and a big thank-you to Ms Mann and all the 6th class students who worked hard to ensure a great day was had by all. Thanks to our cake sale judges Ms. Cafferkey and Ms.Harraghy. Thanks also to all the pupils and parents for all your amazing and delightful creations and offerings on the day. Thanks to everyone for coming to our cake sale. The halla was filled with smiling children and with lots of cakes, buns, pastries, biscuits, cookies and prizes. Through this fun event the school has fundraised €4030.

Follow us on twitter @Gans\_Blackrock and see some of the amazing cake creations.



**School Carol Service:** Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm there will be a St Vincent de Paul food donation on the evening. Please bring your donations (non-perishable quality food items) to the Guardian Angels Church on the night. We are looking forward to the beautiful school choirs. Thanks to all the GANS staff for preparing our children for this event.

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**Junior Infant outing-Dec 17th:** Trip to Dundrum with a visit to the Mill Theatre for pantomime and Lunch at KFC.

**Special visitor -Dec 19th:** GANS will be welcoming a very special Christmas visitor to the school and will celebrate his arrival with a Christmas party and disco.

School Yard: The yard is supervised by teachers, in a voluntary capacity, from 08.35 every morning. The children are expected to go to their class lines and chat. Please note that parents/guardians are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children until 08.35. With a colder breeze in the wet air the last few weeks please ensure all children arriving have a warm coat with a hood.

Christmas cards: The cards were distributed to all classes on 18th November on time for the Christmas post. Well done to all those involved. Friends and Family will be happy to receive these wonderful creations. Well done to all our inspiring young artists especially to the five creative design winners. Have a peek at our noticeboard to see the winning designs. All the designs were super. THANK -YOU to Alan Nolan, parent, author and illustrator for judging the designs. After payment to the Christmas card company for making the cards the school has fundraised about €2000 for this fun, creative fundraising event.

**Names on Clothing:** To avoid mix-ups and loss of expensive school uniforms, coats & hats etc, please ensure that your child's name is on all clothing items worn into school.

<u>Homeless and Vulnerable Patients Christmas Appeal for St. James Hospital</u>: Please drop off any new socks or tracksuit bottoms to a box in school foyer. The box will be available from 09<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Dec (inclusive). Tracksuit Bottoms most sought after are Mens M-L. Click on link above for more details of this charity.

**Unwanted gifts:** Over Christmas, if you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, etc. - please consider donating for prizes for the upcoming events in the new-year. We are also looking for wicker/hamper baskets to make up hamper prizes. Simply drop any items in to the school for the attention of the PTA or email at <u>ptaguardianangels@gmail.com</u>

**Sponsorship:** Congratulations to all the students and parents who won prizes in the cake competition, poster competition, recycled Christmas tree decorations, cake sale raffle and games. Thanks to all the generous local & not so local businesses and parents that sponsored this year's amazing prizes for raffle. Please see attached a list of these businesses or click here.



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