



# Corridor Echoes Christmas Programme

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Christmas Programme 2019 Special

## Christmas 2019 Programme



The next few weeks are going to be very busy in school. As well as normal school work lots of practice and rehearsals are taking place for the various Christmas plays and the Carol Service. Various other activities will also be taking place in December.

### Schedule of Events for Christmas 2019

- Friday 29th Nov: \* Switching on of Christmas Tree lights by Junior Infants
- Monday 2nd Dec: \* Red Kettle Theatre Company
- Tuesday 3rd: \* Confession
- Wednesday 11th: \* Class Plays
- Tuesday 17th: \* Carol Service in the Church 19.00
- Thursday 19th: \* Christmas Raffle
- Friday 20th Dec: \* Holidays.....12.00

**Reminder:** The Red Kettle Theatre Company were here today and the children really enjoyed it. Thanks to all our parents who paid the €4 so far. We would ask all pupils who have not paid to have the €4 in this week.





## *Christmas Plays Wednesday 11th*



10.00	Junior Infants	"Snowman at Sunset" <b>**</b> (+ 6th Class Songs)
10.30	Senior Infants	"The Bossy King" <b>**</b> (+ 6th Class Songs)
11.00	1st Class	"Ralph the Reindeer"
11.30	2nd Class	"Christmas with the Aliens "
12.00	3rd Class	"A Dancing Christmas Party"
12.30	4th Class	"Newsflash - A Star Is Born"
1.00	5th Class	"Panto Pandemonium"



*There are a number of very important points to remember regarding the plays :-*

*Each class has a time for their play and it will begin as close as possible to that time - but not before.*

*Please*

- be on time for your son's play if attending. Each play is for that class only and all will be asked to leave after that play has finished.*
- The plays are for parents/ guardians (and grandparents) - please make arrangements for babies and very young children to be minded as there won't be room in the school. The boys and teachers have put a lot of effort into preparing for this day and we want parents to be able to hear what's going on.*
- There will be plenty of time to take photographs before and after the play. Some parents like to record the play but please do not stand in front of other people.*
- It is very important to note that there is no permission to publicise photographs and recordings. For this reason all such recordings are private and personal for each parent and must not appear on any form of social media.*
- The Parents' Association have organised a Christmas Raffle and there are some amazing prizes to be won including vouchers up to a value of €150!!! Tickets will be on sale in the school.*



## **Carol Service**



Our annual Carol Service will take place in the Church on **Tuesday 17th December at 7.00 pm**. The Carol Service is for 1st to 6th Class. The boys in the Infant classes are a bit too young at this stage but parents are welcome to bring them to the Church if they wish —to stay with the parents. Our Carol Service has been an annual school event since 1998 and we are very proud of that fact. There have been little changes to the format over the years but it still tells the Christmas story.

We invite everyone to the Church on the 19th to celebrate Christmas with us . The Christmas story is ecumenical so we hope to see the whole school community there on the night. The format of our Carol Service is that the Christmas story is told in readings, songs/ carols and drama.

## Christmas Raffle

Our Parents' Association and caretaker David Hearne are busy organising our Christmas Raffle which has some wonderful prizes to be won. The money will go toward raising some much needed funds for the school. As most people are aware, schools do not receive sufficient funding to provide certain opportunities to pupils or even cover the day to day running/maintenance costs for a school. Fundraising is essential and we appreciate everybody's support.

Each pupil will be given a card, with ten lines to sell at a cost of €2 per line, or three lines for €5. If a pupil returns a full card with the money before the deadline of Monday 16th December, they may take another card if they wish.

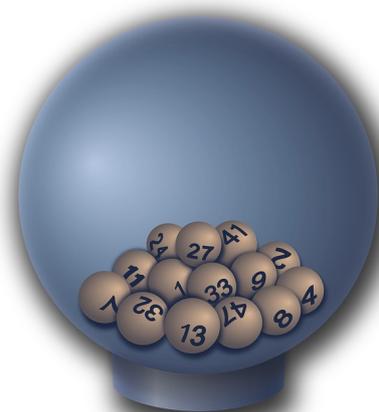
There are prizes for the class that collects the most over the next couple of weeks and also an individual prize for the pupil who collects the most money.

We truly appreciate your continued support and commitment to the school. Míle buíochas do gach duine!

There are some amazing prizes up for grabs. We've listed a small number of them below but there are many more. For just €2 you could be in with the chance of winning:

- 1. A weekend away to the value of €300**
- 2. Waterford Crystal worth €200**
- 3. Starbuck's hamper €70**
- 4. Stephen Street Barbers voucher €70**
- 5. Mobiletech.ie hamper €60**
- 6. Heery's Meal voucher for €50**
- 7. Sweet hamper €40**

These are just some of the prizes. Lines can also be purchased from the office. The raffle will be held on Thursday 19th December.



## Attendance and Punctuality

The school would like to remind parents of how the school monitors and records attendance and punctuality. As a school we must abide by the circulars issued by the Department of Education. One such circular (0028/2013) states that:

*“...a pupil will be marked either present or absent at the time of roll call and there will be no provision for adjusting the Roll Book (Leabhar Rolla) where a pupil subsequently does not complete the full school day or arrives after the roll call.”*

In St. Mary's the roll will be called within the first hour of school, or by 10.30 at the latest. During roll call any pupils not in the class will be marked absent and this cannot be changed. If a pupil has an appointment (e.g. doctor, dentist, speech and language etc), parents should notify the teacher in advance so they are aware they may be late coming to school.

Teachers record the number of minutes late if a pupil does not arrive to school on time. Pupils that are consistently late are missing out a great deal. For example children that are five minutes late each day will miss more than 15 hours in total over the course of the year which is equivalent to almost three days of school.

If a child is absent from school, for whatever reason, parents should give the class teacher the reason in writing. Parents can also use the *online absence form* on the school website ([www.ferrybankbns.ie](http://www.ferrybankbns.ie)) to communicate the reason for a child's absence. Where parents inform the school over the phone, we still need to receive a written note explaining the reason for a child's absence. Once a teacher receives the reason for absence in writing, they will input this information on the roll book. Otherwise the reason for absence is left as *unexplained*.

Where a pupil misses 15 days of school a letter will be sent to inform parents. When a child misses 20 days of school a letter will be sent to inform parents and Tusla are also notified. In the event a pupil misses 20 consecutive days, the school is required to remove the pupil from the roll book.

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