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Christmas Programme 2016

Carol Service

Our 17th annual Carol Service of modern times took place in the Church on Thursday 8th December. It was truly magnificent to see so many of the boys from 1st to 6th Class present on the night (we consider the Infants just a bit too young). The Three Wise Men and King Herod from 6th Class, the readers from every class, all the boys who sang, the Polish boys, the boys who played the glockenspiel, Rose Prendergast, all the teachers and 6th Class for their 3 songs contributed to a wonderful evening in the Church. The only disappointment was that we didn't have all the boys present—after all school events are for all. I'm not referring to those who quite honestly couldn't be there. Once again, sincere thanks to everyone who made this year's Carol Service such a brilliant success.

Little Red Kettle

December began with the usual visit from Red Kettle Theatre Company who performed their play, 'Boo Magoo Bnnnn Bsssss'. The play was greatly enjoyed by all the boys. Well done to those who were picked to perform with the actors.

Winterval

As stated in previous editions of Corridor Echoes, there is no official 'Winterval for Schools Programme' this year. The Infants' classes and 1st Class are young enough to go on the Santa Train; post letters and visit the Giving Tree. 3rd and 4th Classes were across town on Friday last mainly to attend a workshop organised by the One World Centre. 2nd Class attended "Dave's Jungle" in Waterford City Library earlier in the term where they saw and learned about a scorpion, lizard, crocodile, python, snapping turtle and a tarantula. 5th and 6th classes also attended other events and workshops during the term. As you can see, we cater for all classes in our school when it comes to going on trips of one kind or another - nobody is left out.

Other Events

Several other events have also taken place during December. Confession was held for 3rd to 6th classes. We went to Mass on December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our class plays were performed for parents on Wednesday 14th and for the school on Thursday 15th. We also had a mini-FBSGT (Ferrybank Boys' School Got Talent) competition. Santa paid a visit on Friday 16th. All classes did lots of fabulous Christmas art work and did lots and lots of other work also. Well done to everyone.

Parents Association

As you are aware the proposed meeting of the school's Parents' Association had to be postponed twice unfortunately. All parents are welcome and encouraged to join the Parents Association Committee. Ideally each class should have representation. We would encourage parents from all classes to join the committee.

The Parent Association will work together with the Principal, Staff, Board of Management and all parents to build effective partnership between home, school and the local community to ensure the best possible education for their children. We aim to offer all parents the opportunity to contribute towards enhancing their children's education through various activities within the community throughout the school year.

If you are interested in being part of the Parents Association Committee please come along to the AGM. Alternatively do not hesitate to contact any committee member below or email paferrybankboys@gmail.com You will be notified about the new date of the AGM. We will campaign for a big representation after the Christmas holidays.

Class Plays

Swimming 2017

School Rules

It is extremely disappointing that *some* parents deliberately and continually don't abide by our school rules. Everybody knows that our rules are few in number. Every family receives a copy of the rules each September. Our rules do not provide a menu option. Our rules are simple, to the point and easy to keep. When parents sign the Enrolment Form they promise that the school rules will be kept. The two rules broken most regularly are regarding school uniform and earrings. The wearing of earrings is not allowed in our school. It is not allowed to cover earrings with an unsightly plaster. Parents who allow their children to get earrings should do so during the summer when there is enough time. It is not our business what children wear when they are not in school. However, it is our business what they wear in school and at school events. From 9th January it is the duty of all parents to ensure that their children follow and obey all school rules. Please remember:-

*** each boy must have a school uniform and a school tracksuit (with a proper tracksuit pants)**

*** no earrings allowed in school and no plasters covering earrings**

School Uniform and Tracksuit

All pupils in our school **must** have a school uniform **and** a school tracksuit. (Junior Infants is the exception; here parents have the choice of tracksuit only or both)

Tracksuit

The school tracksuit is *only* available from Excel Promotions.

Uniform

Option A - The full school uniform (green jumper, grey shirt, grey pants and green tie) is available from Excel Promotions. There is a choice of crested or non-crested jumper.

Option B - The full uniform is also available from Shaws, The Quay, Waterford. Please note that only a non-crested jumper is available from Shaws.

The shirt, polo shirt and pants may be purchased in other shops also - provided they are the correct colour. No variations in colour or style are allowed. We went through the process of dealing with school uniforms and tracksuits last year as laid down by the Department of Education and Skills.

It is very important that all parents follow the simple rules about our uniform and tracksuit.

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Please note that from January 2017 only a full tracksuit can be purchased from Excel Promotions, the only official supplier of our school tracksuit. To assist parents with the cost of tracksuits and uniforms from Excel Promotions there is a stamp machine in the school. €2 stamps are available to put on a savings card to help towards the cost