



OUR LADY'S GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL BALLINTEER

Newsletter: 13th December 2016

Important Dates:

- Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Nativity Concert in the Church at 12 noon to 1.15p.m.
- Monday 19th December: Christmas Tree of Coins Photo.
All filled milk cartons to be returned to classrooms.
- Thursday 22nd December: Christmas Jumper Day.
Mass for end-of-term.
School closing at 12.30p.m.
- Monday 9th January 2017: School re-opens.

Nativity Concert:

Our Christmas Nativity Concert will take place in the Church on Wednesday 14th December from 12 noon to 1.15p.m. All are welcome to attend. Pupils taking part should come to school in their costume with school tracksuit over. All pupils must return to school after the concert. Infants can be collected from their classrooms as normal at 1.30p.m. Pupils from 1st to 6th who also wish to go home at 1.30p.m. **must have** given a signed consent form to their teacher and be collected by an adult. They can be collected from outside the main school entrance as normal.

The pupils have been working really hard preparing for this special event and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Christmas Tree of Coins:

Filled containers should be returned to your daughter's class teacher on Monday 19th December.

Christmas Jumper Day:

We will once again be having a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of the homeless on Thursday 22nd December, the day we break for Christmas holidays. All pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or top with their **school tracksuit bottoms** and bring in a small donation (€2 suggested). Proceeds this year will go to the Fr. Peter McVerry Trust.

End-of-Term Mass:

Our end-of-term Mass will take place on Thursday 22nd December at 9.30a.m. in the Church. All are welcome to attend. Any pupils not attending may come to school at 10.30a.m.

Nut Allergy:

Just a reminder that we are a 'Nut Free School'. We now have two pupils with nut allergies. One of these has a severe allergy and any exposure to nuts or nut products could potentially be life threatening. We must therefore insist that pupils **do not bring nuts or nut products** e.g. peanut butter, Nutella, biscuits with nuts, chocolate etc. to school.

Please Note:

- Now that the weather has become colder and wetter, we would ask that all pupils bring a coat to school every day.
- Music lessons have now finished for this term. They will resume at the end of January.
- Congratulations to our 6th class Basketball Team who won their Dublin Mini-Basketball League Final. We are so proud of all the team and their mentors.
- Well done also to our Table Tennis Team who won their first Dublin Schools League match.
- A huge thank you to our schools Parents Association on their very successful and most enjoyable Christmas Fair. A big thank you also to our volunteer gardeners for all their work in keeping our school grounds looking so well.
- Final applications are now being accepted for places in our school for September 2017. Any siblings who have not already applied should do so immediately. Any pupils who will not be returning next September are also asked to notify the school as soon as possible.
- Parents are reminded to please not park on walking paths or block entrances for the safety of all pupils coming to and from school.

***Finally, we would like to wish all our pupils and their families
a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.***