



# GLASHEEN BOYS' SCHOOL

## Winter Newsletter 2017/2018

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Dear Parents/Friends,

What a busy and productive First Term we have had! On behalf of the Board of Management and Staff, I would like to thank everybody who supported the work of the school, in any way, throughout 2017. These are exciting times, with our new classrooms recently opened, preparation for our own Christmas Concert and many other exciting plans for 2018. Wishing you all a joyful festive season, with good health and happiness in 2018. Go n-éirí libh go léir, Michael Daly (Principal)



### HOLIDAYS

**Closing:** Friday 22nd. December 2017 @ 12 noon.  
**Reopening:** Monday 8th. January 2018 @ 8.50 a.m.

### CURRICULUM TRAINING DAY

Please note that both Glasheen Schools will be closed on **Wednesday 7th. February 2018**, as all teachers will be undergoing training for the new Primary Language Curriculum.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual concert will take place on Wednesday 20th. and Thursday 21st. December 2017. To facilitate parents with busy schedules, we are holding a concert on Wednesday 20th. for Junior & Senior Infants only. On Thursday 21st. December, a concert for Junior Infants to 3rd. Classes will take place. The following are **approximate times**:

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT - WEDNESDAY 20TH. DECEMBER

**Junior Infants** - Christmas Songs 12.50 p.m.  
**Senior Infants** - Ralph The Reindeer 1.00 p.m.

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT - THURSDAY 21ST. DECEMBER

**School Band** 11.15 a.m.  
**Junior Infants** - Christmas Songs 11.30 a.m.  
**Senior Infants** - Ralph The Reindeer 11.40 a.m.  
**1st. Class** - Seasonal Songs 11.55 a.m.  
**2nd. Class** - The Grinch 12.05 p.m.  
**3rd. Class** - Winter Medley 12.15 p.m.

#### CHRISTMAS MARKET - THURSDAY 21ST. DECEMBER

Meanwhile, 4th., 5th. and 6th. Classes will host a Christmas Market and also perform Christmas Carols, in the Senior Building from 10.00 a.m. onwards on Thursday, 21st. December 2017. Other parents attending the concert will also have the chance to attend the Christmas Market from 11.30 a.m. onwards.



### SANTA'S VISIT TO GLASHEEN

Santa is due to visit Junior Infants - 2nd. Classes on Thursday morning, 14th. December 2017 from 9.00 a.m.. Our Parents' Association will kindly host teas and coffee, for any parents hoping to come along. Junior Infants will see Santa at 9.05 am followed by Senior Infants, then First Class, followed by Second Class.



### NEW APPLICATIONS

Applications for 2018 are extremely strong. We already have **waiting lists** for certain classes. Family circumstances sometimes change and occasionally families need to relocate due to working elsewhere. We hope that everybody will be with us in 2018 but if you are aware that you will possibly be leaving in 2018, **it is extremely important that you notify us of the possibility, as soon as possible.** If you are aware of anybody who is hoping to join our school in 2018, who has not already been in contact, please advise them to do so as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

## RECENT/FUTURE WORKS

As well as our new classrooms, we have recently installed new access cameras and talk back facilities to the office. We have a new office Photocopier and some new furniture. We are hoping to buy new chairs for all of our Pupils in 2018. We are also looking forward to upgrading some flooring and bathrooms.



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Once again, a huge 'Thank You' to our Parents' Association for all their work this term. This includes the Family Bingo Night, the very successful Movie Night and of course the Christmas Cards. Our Parents' Association has been extremely helpful in making special arrangements for Santa in Glasheen.

## School Achievements/Events 2017

Active School Flag, Yellow Flag & Digital School of Distinction status maintained. (6th. Green Flag almost complete) moving onto the 7th. Flag. Health Promoting & European Blue Flag Status renewed. Interschool Quiz & Interschool Soccer Winners 2017; Hurling by The Lough 'A' Finalists; Amazing Port of Cork entry; Barber Cup Tennis SemiFinalists; Tug of War Winners for 33rd Year. Cricket Tournament; Numerous Prizes at Cork City Sports; Winners of Football, Hurling & Art Competitions; Hockey, Rugby, GAA & Cricket Coaching. Very Successful School Concert & School Choir performed with UCC Choir (2017). Various Class Exhibitions, Christmas Market & Parents Visiting Classes for Maths for Fun, Reading, Games. Constantly updated School Website, Twitter & Facebook pages; Close links fostered with UCC & implementation of Visual Thinking Strategies. Partner school with Lifetime Lab & Wilton Library. Culture Day; Friendship Week; Active Schools Week, Punctuality Week, Healthy Eating Week; Grandparents' Day. Various Visiting Speakers from UCC/NUIG and Several School Assemblies. Successful 'Be Active AfterSchool Programme', Breakfast Club, Students' Council. Halloween, Easter & Summer 2017 Camps. 'Welcome Booklet' updated in hard copy & on school website. Homework Club extended and Lego Club set up. Very successful Whole School Evaluation and new classrooms opened in November 2017.

## COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION

Please note that for those making Communion and Confirmation, our Parents' Association very kindly organises the hiring of School Blazers. You will be notified of dates for fittings, in the coming months.



## GREEN SCHOOLS



We recently had a Green Schools inspection. Huge thanks to Ms. Costelloe and all of the Green Schools Committee. We received extremely positive feedback and we expect good news on our 6th. Green Flag, very shortly, with work already started on our 7th. Green Flag!

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



This year we are making a big effort to encourage good attendance. We understand that if somebody is unwell, they need to be at home to recover. Each year we reward good attendance and this year, we will be focussing on 'Improved Attendance'. **We ask all parents to bear this in mind, when planning holidays and to please avoid planning holidays during term time.** Thank You.

## WEBSITE

Don't forget to check our website for important dates and updates.



## SAFETY REMINDERS

To ensure all of our children are safe, again we appeal to all members of our School Community-

1. Please **park your car and walk**, rather than stopping a car in the middle of the road outside the School and leaving children out of the car. Some cars are stopping on School Avenue, causing a serious tailback behind them.
2. Please use any one of the **3 pedestrian gates** but do not use the Car Park gate.
3. Please do **not drive in and out of the Car Park**.
4. Please ensure that children and adults do **not walk through the Car Park**.
5. Please ensure that small children do not run ahead of parents/minders, around the school grounds or down School Avenue, unsupervised. Thank You for keeping everybody safe.

