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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well done to all our children on the excellent entertainment they provided with two memorable nights of Christmas plays last week. We are extremely proud of you all and the talent that was displayed. Thank you to all for attending and supporting our children. Thank you to all the teachers, SNAs' and other staff members for all your hard work. Thanks to parents for helping out with makeup and costumes. A word of thanks also to Mel Crowe for giving up his time to help us with sound on both nights. As soon as the link to the Christmas Show is available to us we will send it out.

The total raised over the two nights came to €2475. This money will go towards overspend on the book grant, dance classes in term 1, to cover the cost of the cybersafe guest speaker in the senior classes last October, our biodiversity guest speaker as well as going a long way towards covering other educational costs throughout the year.

Well done to Ms.Mulligan and all the children who took part in the carol singing for the switching on of the Christmas lights for the first time in the village. It's lovely to see the village looking so festive.

Christmas Jumper Day raised €290 for Crumlin Children Hospital.

Our traditional Christmas Draw will take place this Friday before we break for the holidays. Tickets are €10 each. See the Aladdin Connect App for more information including prizes on offer.

School Fitness Ireland will be facilitating gymnastics for all classes for six weeks beginning, Wednesday 10th January. This is another strand of the P.E. Curriculum that we are looking to develop and promote within our school. Please see the Aladdin Connect App for further details including cost.

St.Patrick's N.S. will commence accepting applications for enrollment for 2024/25 academic year on Monday, 15th January 2024. The enrolment form along with our Admission notice is available on our school website.

A reminder that our school closes for the Christmas holidays this Friday at 12pm and that Christmas Jumpers can be worn. There may even be a special guest making a stopover! Ho Ho Ho!!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our staff to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and I hope 2024 is filled with health and happiness for all. Enjoy the holidays and have a very happy Christmas.

Is Mise le Meas
Damien McIntyre



Dates for your Calendar:

Confirmation Day - Wednesday 24th April at 3pm (St.Mary's Church, Drumlish)

First Holy Communion - Saturday, 18th May

Catholic School Week - January 21st to 27th

Cash for Clobber - 11th April

Christmas Holidays - Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January inclusive (School finishes at 12pm on Friday 22nd December)