



Castleplunkett NS Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

December 2022

The Christmas holidays are upon us and another month of hard work and lots of activity has gone by.

The Senior Room have worked hard throughout the month on a variety of learning activities. Lots of effort has gone into writing activities, beautiful Winter scenes and Crib art, displayed in the church at the Carol Service, were painted by the children. Another letter has headed off to our pen pals in Carlow. The children collaboratively made class Christmas cards and were busy predicting scores and keeping an eye on World Cup Action too! Fr Devine visited a number of times and prepared a Penitential Service for Confessions before the holidays.



In the Junior room, the children had great fun working on activities for Santa's workshop in Aistear. There were very busy days of present making in the workshop and list checking going on! We learned a lovely poem called Help Wanted – Santa needed new reindeer- the old ones have grown old... did lots of lovely festive art, completed some work on Procedural writing as well as some lovely Christmas stories. First class tackled tens and units for the first time also!



As a whole school the children and teachers worked extremely hard on the Christmas Carol Service preparations, the culmination of which was a fantastic display of everyone's talents in Kilmurry church on Thursday 15th. Well done to everyone. Christmas Kindness Day on Friday 16th was a lovely day to focus on doing something for others as part of our Christmas preparations. Hopefully cards delivered to our nominated recipients have brought a smile over the last day or two. We also had some fun playing board games together. The children made suggestions for a charitable donation from our Christmas Jumper wearing, and after a vote the pupils selected Focus Ireland. A donation of €105 will be sent to Focus Ireland from Castleplunkett NS Pupils. Thank you for your support. This year's term of swimming concluded and County

Photos delivered photo orders to the school, right on time for Christmas.

Our Parents' Association have put in trojan work over the last few weeks on a number of fundraisers, supporting and promoting the school. Thank you to the committee for their hard work and enthusiasm and sincere thanks also to everyone in the school community who has supported any of the fundraising events. Thanks also to Kilmurry Hall committee who generously provided teas and treats after the Carol Service. The gathering and community spirit in the hall was a lovely end to the evening. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas and good wishes for 2023. See you all back in school on January 5th 2023.

