

# St Joseph's National School

## Milltownpass Co Westmeath

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Dear Parent/Guardian, Seasons Greetings to all Excitement is building around the school as we prepare for Christmas. Please take a moment to read the following.

**Christmas Carol Service:** We are busy preparing for our Christmas gathering on *Monday December 15th at 7pm in Milltownpass Church*. We look forward to sharing some festive joy with everyone on the night. Children should arrive between 6.40 and 6.50.

### **What should my child wear?**

Junior/Senior infants: Wear a Christmas jumper or a bright coloured top with an antler headband.

1st/ 2nd/ 3rd class: Wear a Christmas jumper or bright coloured top with a Santa hat.

4th/5th/ 6th class: Wear a black top or T-shirt with a santa hat.

**Christmas raffle:** Cards have been distributed to each family for our annual Christmas raffle. Please return cards by Friday December 12th. If you want another card, send a message with your child and we will send one home.

### **Parent's Association Fundraisers:**

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Children can wear their Christmas Jumper or any festive colours this Friday 5th December. A donation of 2 euro per child is welcome.

**Hot School lunches:** Preparations are well underway to serve hot lunches to all children. Our provider will be 'The Lunch Bag' and service will begin on **January 12th**. Unfortunately, there will be a gap in service. Therefore there will be no free lunch from Monday 15th December to January 9th inclusive. Please provide your child with their own lunch on these dates. Login details will be provided to all parents on January 7th. We will be happy to help if you have any difficulties with set up.

**Shoe box appeal:** Thank you to all who donated to the Shoe box appeal. Our boxes are going to Odessa in the Ukraine

**Admissions notice:** Our admissions notice is now published on the website and it outlines the dates and application process for the coming school year. Please feel free to share with any relevant people.

**School Blog:** Please keep an eye on our school blog for photos of school activities and Board of Management Agreed reports. [www.milltownpassns.com](http://www.milltownpassns.com)

**Christmas Break:** Reminder that school closes at 12noon on Friday December 19th for all students.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy new year.

Yours sincerely

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Emer Bermingham, Principal