**Newsletter**

**13th January 2017**

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

**Happy New Year!**

I hope you all had a restful holiday. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and energy and we are looking forward to a busy term of learning.

Classes have been settling back into their routine this week and there was lots of good news to share at our Praise Assembly this morning.

**Children’s Teams**

Our children’s teams, who have representatives from each class, have been meeting over the last few months and setting action plans in place for the year. We have four children’s teams – the Be Active team who look after sports and activity, the Diversity team who discuss ways to celebrate the many cultures and languages we have in our school, the Green Schools team who promote caring for the environment and eco issues, and our Safety and Anti-Bullying team who have been discussing wellbeing and keeping ourselves safe. Our teachers are also working on these themes and meet to look at our policies and practices and initiatives to help us move forward on each issue.

**Dates for your diary**

17th January – Choir to Peace Proms rehearsal

Sunday, 29th January – Family Mass

30th January – ‘Walk in my shoes’ workshop on mental health for 5th and 6th Class

Saturday, 4th February – Choir singing at Peace Proms concert in the RDS Concert Hall

Friday, 17th February – Science Fair

23/24 February – Mid-Term Break

**Upcoming Holidays**

A reminder that we have just two days for mid-term break in February – Thursday, 23rd and Friday, 24th February 2017.

We will be closed on Friday, 17th March for the St. Patrick’s Day Bank Holiday.

We will close at 12.00 p.m. on Friday, 7th April for the Easter holidays. We have two weeks holiday and return on Monday, 24th April.

We will be closed on Monday, 1st May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Our final mid-term break is four days at the beginning of June. We will be closed on Thursday, 1st, Friday, 2nd, Monday, 5th and Tuesday 6th June.

We finish for the year on Friday, 30th June.

Please make sure these dates are in your diary and that holidays and visits to family etc. are taken during this time only. Children should be in school on all other days.

**Attendance and punctuality**

Best attendance this week was in Senior Infants. Both classes did really well, but Ms. McDevitt’s class won our trophy for the very first time with a super 97.6% - well done!

**And finally…**

It has been very cold this week and the cold is set to continue. Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat and clothing. Please talk to your child and remind them that they must wear their coat when going outside in this cold weather.

Have a lovely weekend,

Éadaoin Kelly

Principal