**Newsletter**

**13th November 2015**

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

**Board of Management**

This month, all schools in Ireland must elect a new Board of Management who have responsibility for the management of the school. We are holding our nominations and elections for parent nominees on Wednesday, 18th November at 9.00 a.m. in the Parents’ Room. If you would like any more information about the role, Ms Kelly, Ms Brophy or Ms Roche would be happy to talk it through with you.

**Time to Read Programme**

We launched our ‘Time to Read’ programme with eight 2nd Class children and ‘Business in the Community’ on Thursday. ‘Business in the Community’ are a company based on O’Connell Street and they will send four volunteers to us each week to read with our children. They will also have a chance to visit their offices and the library. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their reading skills and we know it is going to be a great success.

**Jolly Phonics workshop**

Thank you to the Junior Infant parents and carers who came along to our Jolly Phonics workshop this week. We hope you found the information useful for supporting your child’s learning at home. If you have any further questions, do come and speak to Miss Brophy or Miss McDonnell who will be happy to help.

**Visits this week**

2nd and 5th Class visited the Ilac Library today for the first of a series of visits to the library.

**Dates for your diary**

18th November – Board of Management Parent Elections at 9.00 a.m.

18th November – Delivery of Irish Flag

25th November – Meeting for parents/carers of those making First Communion

1st December – 3rd Class to Fighting Words workshop

2nd December – Meeting for parents/carers of those making Confirmation

4th December – 6th Class to Lir Academy

Sunday, 6th December – Parish Family Mass at 10.30 a.m. at St. Joseph’s Church, Berkeley Rd

Sunday, 13th December – Parish Carol Service at 3.30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s, Berkeley Road.

22nd December – School finishes at 12.00 noon for Christmas Holidays

**Home School News**

We have a representative coming into school next Friday to speak to any families who need support with Social Welfare – this is a free and confidential service. More information to follow.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

6th Class had 99% attendance this week and won our attendance cup at assembly – well done!

I hope all our Hindu families enjoy a happy and peaceful Diwali this week.

Best wishes to all for a lovely weekend – wrap up warm, it’s going to be cold!

Éadaoin Kelly

Principal