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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is some of the latest news/information from Scoil Mhuire:

Reminder – School Closure December 13th

As previously notified, Scoil Mhuire will be closed on Wednesday December 13th to facilitate training for teachers on the new Primary Maths Curriculum.

Christmas Plays Monday December 18th

Juniors and Senior Infants – 1:15pm in the Community Hall

1st to 6th Classes – 7pm in the Church

Student Council Fundraising for St. Vincent de Paul

The Student Council have proposed to fundraise for St. Vincent de Paul this Christmas season. They will be organising a bake sale on Wednesday December 20th – details to follow from the Council. The Council will also have some collection buckets for SVP on the day/night of the Christmas Plays.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

My thanks to all the boys and girls who sang so brilliantly at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Sunday last. Special thanks also to Ms. Geary and Ms. Dalziel who helped organise and prepare the choir.

5th/6th Classes to Sing in Amberley

As is a Christmas tradition, the children from 5th/6th Classes will be signing some Christmas carols in Amberley on December 20th. Our thanks to Tom Cavanagh's Coaches for providing this bus free of charge.

New Board of Management

The new Board of Management met for the first time this week to begin their four-year term. We appreciate their time and commitment to this critical (but voluntary) role and wish them the best in their duties.

Hot Schools Meals

Scoil Mhuire will be one the schools included in the first phase of the Hot Schools Meals Scheme announced in the budget recently. All schools will be included in the Scheme under an EU directive by 2030. We have been informed that the scheme will be starting in April 2024 and will provide a hot meal to each child at no cost to parents/guardians. A tendering process to appoint a supplier will be initiated shortly and once a supplier has been appointed we will be able to issue further detailed information.

Welcome to our new SNAs

A very special welcome to Melanie McGrath and Chloe O' Leary who have joined the staff recently.

Team Hope Christmas Appeal

Many thanks to the fantastic support of the Team Hope Christmas Appeal. A total of 46 shoeboxes were donated as part of the appeal.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for 2nd – 5th Classes will take place starting in January. Further information will be sent out to the classes involved.

Cold/Wet Weather

The winter weather has certainly arrived so I would appeal to parents/guardians that children are dressed appropriately for cold/wet weather (coats, hats etc.).

Illnesses

As a reminder, please do not send children to school if they are sick. Not only is it very hard on the child themselves, but the risk of spreading infection is high.

Half Day December 22nd

Scoil Mhuire will close at 12:30pm on Friday December 22nd. We will reopen on Monday 8th January.

Congratulations!

Our warmest congratulations to Ms. Áine Gubbins and to Laura Hanley as both welcomed baby girls to their respective families in recent weeks. Best wishes and congratulations also to Mr. Diarmaid Ronayne ahead of his upcoming wedding. Exciting times ahead for all!

Many thanks for your continued support of school life in Scoil Mhuire,

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Rory Gibbons

Principal