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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the festive season is upon us. What a wonderful way to start on December 1st with the **Burrow Christmas Fair**. This was a fabulous day for all and a **HUGE THANK YOU to Gwen and her hardworking PA team** (of only 5 people) for organising the event and to all those who volunteered on the day to help and to everyone who supported us on the day from the home bakers, burger barbequers, crafty crafters and so much more. On behalf of myself and all the staff at the Burrow we would like to let everyone know our appreciation and gratitude; your efforts and support do not go un-noticed.





SPORT

Sports conditioning, cricket and FAI conclude this week for those classes involved.

Sutton Lawn Tennis Club invited 3 classes to participate in a new programme to introduce Tennis skills to our students. **3rd Class** have been enjoying tennis every Thursday for an hour this term (concludes Thursday 20th) in the club and **2nd class** will commence next term on **Thursday 10th January** in the indoor dome and then **4th class** after February mid-term. **Thank you to Srdjan** (Luke's Dad) and **Robbie at SLTC** for this opportunity to use the facilities and coaches.

5th and 6th are playing tag with Nicole this term and hope to participate in a tag Rugby Blitz mid month at Suttonians with some local schools.

Our **GAA** coach Paddy brought the **Sam Maguire Cup** to The Burrow accompanied with the **All Star Player Brian Howard**. He was an inspiration to the students and it was great to see the cup (once again, up the Dubs!)





Well done to Andrew Blomfield de le Fuente in 6th Class for winning 50 match tickets to see Ireland V's N. Ireland in the Aviva Stadium in November. It was an enjoyable night out, even if there were no goals scored.

Pilates continues this month for **1st and 3rd classes** and will commence for **5th** and **2nd** in January. Thanks again to Janette for this; the students really enjoy it.

The **hockey** group will be participating in a blitz against St. Fintans at Santa Sabina pitch on **Thursday 6th December at 2.30 pm**. Best of luck to all the players.

Great win for our **basketball** players in the NBA last month.



*****After school sports conclude week of 10th (no sports the week of 17th)*****

DIGITAL AWARD



We received news last month that we have successfully been awarded a **Digital School of Distinction Award**. This is a marvelous achievement and thank you to all the teachers for all their diligent work in making this possible, in particular Mrs Gardner our IT coordinator. We will have a flag raising and plaque unveiling ceremony in the new year.

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION

We are currently completing our 3rd subject in our **SSE (school self evaluation)** and this is in the area of **Gaelige**. Thank you to everyone who completed the very quick survey to help us with our data and if you haven't completed it yet you have until 2.15 on Tuesday (tomorrow) as we will be recording the information received at our staff meeting on Wednesday so we can progress with our evaluation.

TY STUDENTS

Looking forward to having **Arlene Haas (Marcel's sister) and Jonathan Sargent** back on work experience for the next fortnight.

CHARITY



A great response from **3rd class** and some other students to the **“Treasure Box”** appeal for the **Jigsaw Centre in Darndale**. 8 Students helped Carol and I pack up the cars and deliver the boxes and met with the staff and children there. It was a lovely experience for all.

We will be having our whole school charity event on **Wednesday 19th December for Temple Street; wear a Christmas Jumper /top to school and bring in €2** (minimum). As with all our charity events it is optional. There is no pressure to run out and purchase a top, students can be creative and make or design their own jumper.

TEACHING PRACTICE

Ms. Michelle Lynch, DCU student studying Music and Religion, will be completing a teaching practice in these subject areas in classes **4th-6th** starting on January 7th, with the guidance and support of the class teachers.

*****Congratulations to Jayne Mangan** on being awarded a **scholarship to Sutton Park School**, this is a marvelous achievement both personally and for the school. Well Done Jayne! ***

VIOLIN CONCERT



We are having our annual violin concert **today at 1pm for students Junior – 2nd class in the hall**, all welcome! This is a lovely way for the students to show off their talent and skills. Thank you to our lovely new teacher **Jenna Raggett** for taking the violin lessons each week.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CORNER



Next **family service** is at **11am on Sunday 16th December** and **family service** on **Christmas morning at 10am**.

The Dublin Concert Band will be performing in **St Mary's at 5pm on December 9th** flyer on our school notice board outside.
Some of our students will be participating in the evening service of "**9 Lessons and Carols**" on **December 23rd at 7pm.**

CHRISTMAS PLAY AND CAROL SERVICE



Our Christmas plays will be in The Burrow Hall **on Thursday 20th December for these classes only:**

Senior Infants 9.00 – 9.30 a.m.

2nd Class 9.45 – 10.30 a.m.

4th Class 10.45 – 11.30 a.m.

6th Class 11.45 – 12.30 p.m.

We will have a full dress rehearsal on Wednesday 19th for the school (students only). Delighted to be performing on our fabulous new stage; **Thank you to Gavin** for his construction and to **Gwen Aringsjö** for her interior design expertise! It looks brilliant!

Carol Service Friday 21st December 11am in St Marys Church. This service is led by **Junior Infants, 1st, 3rd and 5th classes** but all classes join in. Children walk to the Church with their teacher and pick up is from there at 12 pm approx after the service for Christmas Holidays. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**



Thank you to Robert (Darcey and Jarlath's Dad) at **EXPERT HARDWARE** for donating a real Christmas tree to the school from his store in **BALDOYLE.**

NEWS FROM THE PA

A very big thank you to everyone for supporting this year's Burrow Christmas Fair. We hope you enjoyed the day, and we'd really like to hear your feedback on all the attractions, stalls and features in this year's Fair – please do let us know what you thought of the day.

An extra big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day – the bakers, the cooks, the volunteers, the donators, the entertainers and the crafters. Without you putting in the time, money and effort, there would be no Fair – thank you all. And thank you to all the children and the teachers for the beautiful crafts and Christmas cards – they certainly brightened up our stalls this year.

We have lots of exciting events coming up in 2019, details of which will be included in the January newsletter. In the meantime, we hope you all have a great Christmas!

Parenting course in January

One of our parents, Aoife Ryan (mum to Ailbe in 4th class and Fia in 2nd class) is a relationship & parent mentor, having recently graduated from University College Cork, and is a member of IARM, the Irish Association of Relationship Mentors (iarm.ie). She practices one-to-one and in group parenting courses.

Aoife will be running a course entitled Family Wellbeing - Effective Parenting of Self and Others on Thursday evenings starting 17th January in the Burrow School Hall. On Wednesday 9th January at 1pm and again at 2pm she will give a brief talk and an outline of the course – everyone is welcome.

Here is what Aoife says about parent mentoring:

“Mentoring is a non-directive and non-judgmental approach to parenting and to finding your own conscious solutions to what is going on in your life. You get the opportunity to stop and reflect, as such, and to look at your relationships, the most important one being your relationship with your self. I hope to provide and create a safe space where you can explore all aspects of self, and by extension your relationships with others.”

“I have found this to be invaluable in terms of the way I live my life and with regard to my relationships, particularly in my relationships with my children and how I parent them.”

“I would like to invite anyone who is interested to come along on Wednesday 9th January, and I am happy to answer any questions. My number is 086 8364292 if you would like to contact me for further information.”

Thank you from the PA.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CRAFTS

A limited supply of cards and crafts are available to purchase from the office and 6th class will also be selling these outside on this Friday the 7th (Burrow Black Friday!) at drop off and pick up times.

Looking forward to a very busy month with practice for plays and the Carol Service but hopefully one filled with festive fun and cheer.

Best wishes for the Christmas Season,

Dynn Harley

& the Burrow staff