

### CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all our amazing students on superb performances last Thursday in both shows, our Junior Show; Wriggly Nativity and our Senior Show; Straw and Order. We were very proud of each pupil who performed so well on the day. Compliments to the teachers and SNAs who had practised with the children and given them the opportunity to shine on stage.

Thank you to Fiachra Cradock for organising our sound and also to John Flaherty who manned the car park on a very wet and dark day.

The children were delighted to receive a Christmas Annual on Friday, courtesy of our Parents Association. A big thank you to the PA from the very happy pupils in Kilcoona!

### IN SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHING STAFF

Our teaching staff are required by the Department of Education and Skills to have a full day of inservice training in the Newly Revised Primary Language Curriculum. The training was envisioned to take place for all schools by Christmas this year. However, due to a backlog in the training schedule, the training for some schools will not take place until January 2020.

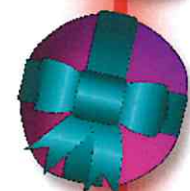
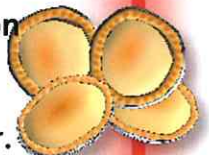
The date we received from the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) is Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Having received the date we contacted the training service to express our dissatisfaction as we are only re-opening after Christmas on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. We requested an alternative date but we were told this is not possible.

Therefore, the school will be closed on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We apologise for the inconvenience this causes after a holiday period but we are left with no choice in the matter.

For more information regarding the Primary Language Curriculum please see this link...

<https://www.ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents>

### CHRISTMAS FAIR 2019





The Christmas Fair will take place in the school hall on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December from 2-5p.m.

This is a lovely family day with various stands selling local produce as well as our own Parents Association stands from which proceeds go to the school. We appreciate the support from the Parents Association and any funds raised are much appreciated.

The PA are looking for help with the following:

Baked goods for the bake sale – these can be dropped to the school hall from 12.30p.m. on the day of the fair.

Products suitable for a hamper or spot prizes for the raffle – can be handed into the school any time before or on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS/KILCOONA POST

The children like to make/write cards to each other every year and we provide a post box in the foyer where your child can post cards to the children in their class or indeed other classes. If your child wishes to post a card can you please help the younger children in addressing the envelope, ensuring the recipient's name and their class is written on the outside. 6<sup>th</sup> class students are gaining post office experience as they take the box each evening and sort the post into class groups to have delivery ready for the following morning. The post box will be available from Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December up to Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

**\*\* School will close for Christmas Holidays on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12p.m.\*\***

**This is a non uniform day, children can come to school on the day of the holidays in their Christmas clothing.**

