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### **Christmas Colours in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation**

Mary Barry RIP (our former secretary) who died in September 2017 would have celebrated her 60th birthday this month. In consultation with Mary's family we will have a special Christmas Colours Day in memory of Mary on Wednesday December 22nd in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation. Pupils can dress in Christmas colours (jumpers, hats etc.) on the day and we ask them to bring a small donation (€2) for the Irish Heart Foundation.

### **Christmas Gifts for school staff**

Parents and pupils should not feel that they have to bring presents for school staff at Christmas. While school staff greatly appreciate your kindness they do not expect to receive gifts. If your child would like to do something for school staff why not make a card with a personal message.

### **Christmas Annuals**

All pupils were delighted with their Folens Christmas Annual. Thanks to the Parents Association for paying for the annuals.

### **Homework**

No homework next week! Enjoy the preparations for Christmas.

### **School Holidays**

The school will be closing at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday December 22nd until Thursday January 6th. The staggered collection times for Wednesday are as follows:

Junior Infants and siblings	12.20 p.m.
Senior Infants and siblings	12.25 p.m.
All other pupils at	12.30 p.m.

Children travelling on the school bus will be collected at 1 p.m. Parents may collect them earlier if they wish.

### **Core books going home next week**

Children will be changing pod groups again after Christmas. To facilitate cleaning we will ask pupils to bring home core text books and copies next week before the Christmas Holidays. These books/copies should be brought back again on Thursday January 6th.

### **First Holy Communion**

The date for the First Holy Communion is Saturday May 7th at 11 a.m. in Rathcormac Church.

### **Reminder:**

Please ensure that family contact details (phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contact details) are updated in Aladdin if necessary.

### **Retirement of Siobhán Crotty SNA**

We congratulate and extend our Thanks to Siobhan Crotty who retired last week. Siobhán joined the Scoil Bhríde team in September 2013 and worked with many children and teachers at different class levels. We thank Siobhán for everything she contributed to life in Scoil Bhríde over the years and we wish her health and happiness in her retirement.

### **Board of Management**

The board wishes to thank the whole school community and wishes you every blessing and happiness for Christmas and the New Year.

Finally, I wish to thank you all for your support and cooperation over the past year.

Have a very happy, peaceful Christmas and every blessing in 2022. Enjoy the break!!

Mise le meas, Mairéad Uí Íomhair.