



***St. Brigid's Primary School
Haddington Road***

***November 2014
Principal's Bulletin***

Christmas Concerts



The children will be taking part in Christmas concerts and always enjoy performing for their proud parents. Take note of the dates and times:

Junior Infants

Thursday, Dec 18th at 12.00 noon.

Senior Infants

Wednesday, Dec 17th at 12.00 noon.

1st-3rd Classes

Wednesday, Dec 17th at 12.00 noon (after the Senior Infants)

4th-6th classes

Thursday, Dec 18th at 12 noon (after the Junior Infants)

The concerts will take place in the hall in St. Mary's Secondary School (entrance on Haddington Road).



Carambola Kidz are the suppliers of our school lunches. Their

website is www.carambola.ie and using your child's login code you can make changes to the lunch order. You will find your child's code on the brown lunchbag.

Please note that the lunch should include a sandwich/wrap/roll or pasta. If your child is only ordering a single item (eg: apple, biscuits) please cancel the order as the cost of each lunch is the same whether or not you have included a sandwich/wrap/roll or pasta. Ordering only a single treat item is not economically viable for us.

We supply free milk every day and free fruit on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We have water filters in each classroom so that water bottles can be refilled.

Children are asked to continue to bring in a lunch box so that they can take home their lunch bag and anything they haven't eaten. We don't have a brown bin facility at school.



Remember our Healthy Lunch Policy is available on our website. A small treat is allowed on Fridays only.

Traffic and Parking.

We understand that parking is difficult in the area around the school but request that everybody parks carefully and safely. Do not park on the double yellow lines, on the cones or in front of the gate.



Remember also not to cycle bikes, or scooters, inside the school gates to avoid injury to children or adults.

Christmas presents

At this time of year, many parents like to give gifts to their children's teachers. This is really not necessary and we are asking you not to give any gifts this year. We realise that times are difficult for many families and so we ask you to encourage your children to make a card for their teacher if they wish instead.

Pupil Insurance:

If you still want to get pupil personal insurance (€9 for 24 hour cover for the year), you can do so in the office.

School expenses:

Many thanks to everyone who has paid their **school expenses** to date. This fee covers book rental, photocopied materials and art supplies and it is very important that everybody pays this fee. Our book rental scheme ensures that book bills are kept as low as possible as most of the class books are provided on the scheme.

Expenses forms are available on our website or in the office.

Attendance

We all understand that it is really important that children attend school every day unless they are too sick to



attend. The following are our attendance figures for this term:

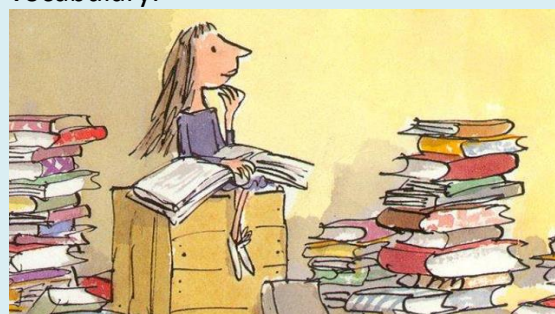
September: 97%

October: 96%

These are very good rates of attendance and we want to continue to have rates like this, or better, throughout the year.

Please do not arrange holidays during termtime as it disrupts children's progress.

The school will not provide 'homework' to be completed during any holidays taken during term; instead we recommend that you take a few books for your child to read. Regular reading (or being read to) has a major impact on children's reading and spelling progress and on their vocabulary.



Fundraising for LauraLynn

Many thanks to the parents who worked so hard with the parents on our Hallowe'en funday. Thanks to Sarah, Vicki, Aine, Dympna, Tanya, Elaine, Fergal, Petra, Deirdre, Marie, Finola, Miriam and Maria.