

Scoil Náisiúnta Chaisleáin Uí Liatháin

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- **Comhbhrón:** We extend our sincere sympathy to Síle Ní Mhuimhneacháin (former teacher in Castlelyons NS) and to the Moynihan and O’Doherty families on the recent death of her mother Margaret (RIP) of Kanturk. Leaba i measc na naomh go raibh aici.
- **Comhghairdeas:** We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr Baragry (teacher of “Sonas” – Special Class) who got married over Hallowe’en. We wish Alan and his wife Martina every health and happiness in the future. Comhghairdeas libh beirt agus go raibh saol fada sona agaibh i bhfochair a chéile.
- **Clárú / Enrolment 2020/2021:** All schools are now required to publish an Admissions Policy, following a set format and wording to a large extent. Our Admissions Policy is available to view on our blog at www.castlelyonsn.com. Along with this, an Annual Admissions Notice must be published by schools, which sets out the timeframe when applications will be accepted for the new school year, along with other information regarding enrolment. Our Annual Admissions Notice will be posted on our Blog in the coming weeks, providing the information required by parents for the application / enrolment process. We will notify parents on Aladdin when this notice will be posted on our Blog. I would appreciate if you would pass this information on to any neighbours, relatives or friends that may not have a child in school already and so will not receive the alert on Aladdin. Go raibh maith agaibh.
- **Cruinnithe Tuismitheoirí / Múinteoirí:** As previously notified, formal Parent / Teacher meetings with *class* teachers will not take place until the end of January / beginning of February 2021. Information re. format / appointment times etc. will issue after Christmas.
- **Buíochas:** We extend our thanks to the Parents’ Association for their generous subsidising of the Lego Workshops for the children, held in each classroom prior to the Hallowe’en break. Thanks also to Ms Ó Tuama for organising the workshops. We would like to thank everybody who contributed so generously to the “Spooky Sponsored Walk” organised by our Parents’ Association immediately prior to the Hallowe’en break. Many thanks to the teachers, SNAs and the pupils who participated in the walk in Fr Ferris Field. The school received a cheque from the PA for €2,460 which will go, as advertised, towards the development of a designated outdoor play area with specialised equipment for our pupils with special needs. Plans are underway to develop this as well as a soft surface on the Infant yard but more fundraising will have to be carried out in order to have sufficient funds to complete both projects.

- **Athbhreithniú ar Pholasaithe:** A number of school plans and policies, both Curricular and Administrative, have been reviewed recently by the teaching staff, officers of the Parents' Association, Board of Management and subsequently ratified by Board of Management. These policies include:

Administration:

- * Admissions (Enrolment) Policy
- * Home / School Partnership Policy
- * Internet Acceptable Use Policy – AUP
- * Critical Incident Policy
- * Child Safeguarding Statement
- * Fire Evacuation Policy
- * Anti-Bullying Policy

(All these policies are available on our school blog at: www.castlelyonsns.com)

Curriculum

- * Corp Oideachas / PE Plan

(The above policy is available to view on request in the school office).

Parents' Association Update

Firstly, we would like to thank you for the huge support received for the "Sponsored Spooky Stroll" as mentioned above and also for the response to the Christmas Cards.

Our next fundraiser is the **Christmas Raffle** and as previously mentioned we are looking for anyone that is in a position to give a prize, sponsor a service or provide a donation for our main fundraiser of the year. With Level 5 restrictions in place since October it has meant we were not able to go door to door for sponsorship and are aware of the challenges businesses are already faced with. Tickets need to be ordered at the beginning of December from the printers so if you can provide a prize, then please make contact with Andrea Quirke, Clódagh Clegg or Colette Hosford **by November 26th** and we will be delighted to talk to you and arrange collection of the prize closer to the draw date. We are very grateful to the 10+ sponsors that have made contact to date and will begin uploading business images to the PA Facebook page next week. All those that confirm sponsorship before November 26th will also have their names appear on the raffle tickets.

Ordinarily, we would also arrange a Christmas food & clothing collection & donate to a local charity. This year we will be asking children to bring €1 to school in exchange for wearing their Christmas jumpers on the last day of school before Holidays. A supermarket voucher will be purchased and delivered to Cork Penny Dinners on behalf of the children.

Le dea-mhéin,

Nelius de Róiste (Príomhoide)