

# St. Catherine's N.S. Christmas Links '13

WE, THE STAFF OF ST CATHERINE'S  
THANKYOU FOR NOT BUYING US  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND SUPPORTING  
CHARITIES INSTEAD.

Dear Parents,

We are all busy preparing for the Christmas here in St. Catherine's and want to take this opportunity to wish you and your extended families a happy and a healthy Christmas. As you are probably hearing from your daughters Christmas Concert practices are in full swing and what a magical time it is to be in school!). The concerts are due to take place as follows:

- ◇ Tuesday 10th— Junior & Sen. Infants & 5th/6th Choir from 12.00 to 2.15 approx.
- ◇ Wednesday 11th—1st & 2nd Classes, 5th /6th Choir & Guitar Class from 1.15 - to 2.15 approx
- ◇ Thursday 12th—3rd & 4th Classes, Ceolteoirí and 5th/6th Choir

We ask that all families bring a **NON PERISHABLE** food donation to the concerts as we continue our support of The Lions Club who will distribute hampers to needy families in our area this Christmas.

**Video recording of the concerts is strictly for private use and we ask that you do not share such recordings online please.**



**Advent reminds us that Jesus is  
the reason for the season**

**Closing Date for Junior  
Infants 2014 now  
passed and two classes  
are now full**



## Charity begins at home

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- ◇ On Friday 13th 6th Class and their parents are running an Awakeathon for Cork Simon Community—a most deserving cause and it is great to see the girls so interested in making a difference this Christmas.
- ◇ We are selling Hope bars for the Hope Foundation as we do every year and these make fab gifts or stocking fillers:)
- ◇ The cuddly toys from SHINE the Autism Charity, have arrived too and are flying out the door

**Children helping**

**Children at Christmas**

- **REMINDERS:**
- **Classes finish at 12 noon on December 20th**
- **School reopens on Monday January 6th**



## Parents Association News:

- Our fantastic Parents Association are continuing to ensure that we are an excellently resourced school and may I thank you all most sincerely on behalf of Staff , Board of Management & pupils for this priceless support. The recent arrival of 8 Ipads for classroom use was greeted with sheer delight around the school and teachers are beginning to factor in this brilliant resource into lesson plans now. Watch out for report in Bishopstown News..
- On the day of the Holidays the annual Christmas Raffle will take place in the Halla at 10 a.m. and the P.A. are seeking your donations of prizes for this—why not use this opportunity to do a bit of recycling ! Items for the draw can be sent to the school. The funds raised will be used for Ipads and related resources and we thank you in advance for your support with this. Tickets to the Pantomime will also be up for grabs :)
- Finally the girls can wear their own clothes on Friday 20th which will be A Parents Association “No Uniform Day” for Cork Penny Dinners should your family wish to contribute



## Green Schools Update:

**Huge thanks to all involved in our quest for a 4th Green Flag. This campaign is all about TRANSPORT & reducing our carbon footprint and that is why our Walking Busses were introduced. For the month of December the walking buses will run on Fridays ONLY - all welcome - all drivers and girls encouraged to wear Santa hats/ festive hairbands for the 4 weeks of Christmas Walking Buses!**

*We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

