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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We arrived at the end of a very eventful first term. Here are just a few the notices I would like to share with you.

Philosophy Themes

The theme for the past few weeks has been Speech.
The challenge is: Can one speak the truth pleasantly?

For more information about the assembly themes please click [here](#).

Carol Service

Our Carol Service takes place on Thursday Dec 22nd at 11.30am in St. Mary's church, Haddington road. I hope to see you there.

Pause Magazine

The latest student school magazine has now been released. Please click [here](#) to get a copy. Thanks to all students involved.

Sports Update

This term has been a very busy one with great participation in athletics, Ultimate Frisbee and hockey. For update on Sports activities please click [here](#). To see some pictures of our hockey teams in action please click [here](#).

Literacy Week and Speech Competition

Another great annual speech competition took place on Thursday December 15th. For details of the event and the winners please click [here](#).

Literacy week was a fun filled week. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Transition Year

Transition Year Students continue to be very active.

To find out more about their activities during the last few weeks please follow the links below

[TY Art Project – Decorating Lunch Room](#)

[TY Nutrition Week](#)

[TY Heart Dissection](#)

Patronage Process

In response to a call from the Department of Education, John Scottus School is going to make an application for patronage for two new primary schools in the Dublin area: Dublin 2/4/6 area and Dun Laoghaire area.

The way the process works is that the Department decides where new schools need to be built and then invites patron bodies to apply. This is a competitive process and the outcome largely depends on the number of parental preferences a school can get. This is where you can help.

If you know a parent who has a child due to start Junior Infants in September 2017, Sept 2018, Sept 2019, Sept 2020, Sept 2021 and Sept 2022, please tell them about John Scottus Primary School and ask them to endorse us. To do so, go to the John Scottus website, www.johnscottus.ie click on the NEW SCHOOLS page and fill out the form. The deadline for filling out the parental preference form is 31st of December.

Thank you in advance for your support with this

Cars Blocking No 62 Morehampton Road

A neighbour of ours, in number 62 Morehampton Road, has contacted us to say he was blocked in by a car parked in front of his driveway during the Christmas Fair. There were four cars blocked in. He has also complained that it happens regularly in the morning time. We like to work well with our neighbours so please be more mindful of where you park

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our 5th year Business students are running a second hand uniform shop which opens Friday from 10.15-10.45. Please come along and see some very good quality items.

Christmas Fair – Sunday Dec 11th

The Christmas Fair was a great success. Thank you to all who volunteered and the feedback from those who attended was very positive.

Summary of Events coming up

School Re-opens – Monday Jan 9th

CAO presentation to 6th year parents – 8.00am, Thursday Jan 12th

Transition Year Presentation to 3rd years – 7.30 pm, Thursday Jan 12th

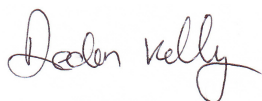
Parent-Class Teacher Meetings – Monday Jan 16th

Philosophy Week – Starting Monday Jan 23rd

A philosophical thought for the day

“Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in Man” – Vivekananda

Wishing you a happy, restful and joyous Christmas,



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