

The Faythe School



Christmas Newsletter



Happy Christmas from St John of God Primary School

A message from our Principal,

Wishing all our children and their families a happy and fun filled holiday this Christmas. Take a good and well-earned rest after all your hard work so far this year. Our thanks to everyone for your constant and continued support as we navigated the fluctuating situation in school. Your help and assistance in the face of changing guidance and public health advice has been phenomenal. So from everyone here in the Faythe School...HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a HO, HO, HO to one and all!

Marie Rossiter Gargan and everyone in the Faythe School

A message from Caroline Mullins

Merry Christmas to all the children and their families from the The Faythe School! Well done on all your work over the first term and may you have a lovely, safe holiday ahead. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Best Wishes! Caroline Mullins
(HSCL 087 9657964)

Christmas Day by 5th Class Room 10

Over two thousand years ago
Baby Jesus was born but no snow
In a stable with his family
And three wise kings filled with glee

They brought him presents long ago
And Santa knows that...Ho!Ho!Ho!
So on Christmas Eve Santa, Elves and Reindeer
come down the chimney.
They deliver piles of presents with a jolly good cheer!

Presents we give and presents we'll get
Under the Christmas tree they'll be to collect
Smiles all around from the roof to the ground
After a fun-filled day, tired silence...not a sound!



The First Christmas

By 6th Class Room 11

*On the First Christmas an angel
was sent from Heaven to three
wise men informing them of Jesus.
Also, that same angel told Mary
and Joseph that Jesus was going to
be their child. They went to
Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph
searched for a place for Jesus to be
born. They found a stable. After
Jesus was born three Wise Men
offered Jesus gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh.*

My Christmas

*Christmas is celebrated by
everyone differently. In my home
all of my family celebrate by
eating fish and opening
presents. We celebrate
Christmas like this because it is
the Lithuanian tradition.*

Christmas Fun – by 3rd Class Room 4

Our class have been up to lots of fun things in the run up to Christmas. We decorated our classroom door which was supposed to be a Winter Wonderland. We had to change the door to a Present as the snowman was too big. We had an elf come and his name was Ziggy. He is always up to no good in our classroom. We have been doing lots of nice poems and lots of cool art like snowmen, Rudolph, snowflakes and lots of cool stuff. We made a drama based on the poem 'Twas the night before Christmas'. Three girls from our class performed it for the class.

Happy Christmas! From everyone in Room 4



What Christmas Means to Me by 1st & 2nd Class Room 9

Spending time with family
Decorating the Christmas Tree
Cooking Christmas Dinner
Making cookies for Santa
Watching the Toy Show
Receiving presents from Santa
Celebrating Jesus' Birthday
Going to church
Donating to charity
Giving presents to people
Drinking hot chocolate
Putting a candle in the window

Merry Christmas! from all in Room 9

Rascal in Room 3!!! – by Junior Infants Room 3

Elvis Elf arrived in Room 3 in early December and has been getting up to all sorts of mischief!!! He left a naughty/nice list one day.... All the teachers were on the naughty list!!! Thankfully all the boys and girls are on the nice list!! Elvis definitely notices all the kind acts in Room 3. Each morning we receive new elf reports detailing the kindness shown by the children in Room 3. We all agree that the funniest thing Elvis ever did was when he wrapped toilet paper around the Christmas tree!!!

We wish all our Mammies, Daddies, Sisters, Brothers, Nannies, Grandads and Pets a very Merry Christmas!

Christmas News from 1st Class Room 5

To get ready for Christmas, we made penguin and reindeer art. We had a new member of our class, Elvis a naughty elf who got up to lots of mischief in room 5 over the past few weeks. We wore our Christmas jumpers to school on Friday and drew Christmas pictures for our class drawing competition.

Happy Christmas Everyone! From all in Room 5

Christmas News from Junior and Senior Infants – Room 2

Timmy is our Christmas Elf!
Timmy wants to go to School!
Timmy likes markers!
Timmy came from the North Pole!
My Elf is called Timmy!

Happy Christmas! From everyone in Room 2

Your Christmas Cracker Friend by 4th Class Room 15

The hands that lay upon me
Pulling night and day
I wish that I could talk to them
All the things I would say

I'm there when you're sleeping
I'm there when you're awake
But I'm only here for Christmas
Then I go away

You'd hold me ever so closely
Because I'm your Christmas Cracker Friend
But when the day ends you mightn't see me again
All the things I've held

You've wondered night and day
But when the day came to an end
I said goodbye
Because I'm your Christmas Cracker Friend.

Merry Christmas! From all in Room 15

Christmas Hello from Senior Infants Room 1

All the children in Room 1 – Senior Infants have been working extremely hard, like busy elves in the lead up to Christmas. We had a special visitor called 'Buddy the elf' in our classroom this month who got up to a lot of mischief but also brought lots of excitement to our classroom every day!

The children have been busy learning Christmas songs and poems and making some decorations for their Christmas trees.

They have also been busy making snowmen, Christmas trees and best of all spreading Christmas cheer.

We, in Room 1, would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

A Christmas Hello from 2nd Class Room 14

We have been very busy over the past few weeks getting into the Christmas spirit. We have enjoyed lots of activities in the run up to Christmas including; Decorating our classroom, Christmas art, Christmas yoga, singing Christmas songs (our favourite is Buladh Bos), writing Christmas stories and sharing our favourite memories of Christmas. One of our favourite things to do this month has been checking on our elf called Pippins. He can get up to mischief at times.

A highlight of Christmas in our class this year was a webinar we did with illustrator Sarah Bowie. She showed us how to draw a reindeer, snowman and Santa Claus, just as they would be in a book. We really enjoyed it and Ms. Foley would not be surprised if some of the boys and girls in room 14 become famous illustrators' one day!

Nollaig Shona from Room 14

Christmas Around the World by 6th Class Room 12

Hong Kong: In Hong Kong shops and attractions take part in a big celebration called 'Winterfest'

Ireland: In Ireland, people like to light candles in the windows of their homes to act as a guide for Mary and Joseph to travel to their resting place.

United Kingdom: In the UK people decorate their homes and towns with Christmas lights. Also, lots of people attend nativity plays.

Botswana: In Botswana people eat Seswaa, a stew made with beef or goat meat near Christmas. People share their feasts with the whole family or sometimes even the whole village.

Mexico: Just before Christmas, during the Festival of Radishes, Mexican farmers carve radishes to make nativity scenes.

Nigeria: The Christmas meal in Nigeria is usually roasted goat meat and chicken with rice. They use lots of sparklers and fireworks.

Christmas Poems by 3rd & 4th Class Room 13

Christmas

Christmas is the best time of the year
Happy Santa's sleigh is pulled by reindeer
Reindeer a plenty, one with a red nose
It's as bright as a rose
Santa lives in the North Pole
This makes you feel good in your soul
Maybe you have a manger
And you won't feel danger
Presents and toys are no match for friends and family

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Walking in a Winter Wonderland
And all that can be heard is the marching band.
Lovely lights light up the town.
Kindness, happiness, nobody can frown
In the streets filled with snow.
No-one to see nowhere to go.
Gardens sparkling with snowflakes
Icicles above the frozen lakes
No one here with me
And snow is all I can see
Walking alone
Ice gathers on a stone
Nothing to do
Thinking about the sky that used to be blue
Everything is shining
Really I'm not whining
Wondrous weather
Oh it couldn't be better
Night is coming
Dogs are running
Everyone is singing
Really big bells are ringing
Lovely snowmen are cute
And now the day is mute
Now I see the setting sun
Day is now done.

