

Shellybanks ETNS Bulletin 17/12/18

	Item	Update	Support
1	<b>Winter Holidays-</b>	<p><b>School will finish at 12 noon on Friday 21st December.</b> School will re-open on January 7th. We hope you all have a peaceful, relaxing winter break.</p> <p>Please note children can bring a treat on the last day of school</p>	
2	<b>Early collections</b>	<p>Please note that children should only be collected early to attend medical appointments or appointments that cannot be made out of school hours. Children should not be collected early to attend social events, parties etc. This is part of the national strategy to help with attendance and punctuality in school. Teachers should be informed in advance, where possible, if a child needs to be collected, so this can be logged on our system.</p>	
3	<b>Aiveen's Class</b>	<p>As Aiveen will be stepping into the role of Principal after the winter break, her Senior Infant class will have a new teacher for the remainder of the school year. This teacher will begin working with the class after the winter holidays.</p>	
4.	<b>Change of Circumstances</b>	<p>As you are all aware teacher allocation and school supports are all based on pupil enrolment numbers. If you are aware of any changes that are likely to happen in your living/work circumstances over the coming months, please let the office know. If you think there is a possibility that your child may not be returning to school next September, please flag this with us as soon as you become aware of it. This allows us to plan for next year more accurately.</p>	
5	<b>3rd Class</b>	<p>Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to visit Ciara's 3rd Class on Friday morning, as part of our learning about schools around the world and education through the years. The children really enjoyed interviewing our visitors, and listening to all of their funny stories and interesting school memories.</p>	
6	<b>Staff Absence Procedure</b>	<p>When staff are absent from school there is a procedure we follow when splitting classes, arranging substitute cover etc. Please see the <a href="#">attached</a> document for further information.</p>	

7	<b>IT Update</b>	<p>We now have a set of 16 iPads in school. Over the past 6 weeks Aiveen, Fionnuala &amp; Aileen's classes have been working with an IT specialist (for a 1 hour slot per week) to use the iPads in a cross curricular way. Next term, there will be a further 3 classes working with the IT specialist. As a school, we have developed an Internet Acceptable Use Policy which we will be sharing with parents after the Winter Holiday. For information about digital learning in school, please look <a href="#">here</a> where you can find information about the Department of Education document <i>Digital Learning Framework for Primary Schools</i>. This supports the Digital Strategy for Schools 2015-2020 which you can find <a href="#">here</a>. Many thanks. Gemma</p>	
8	<b>Winter Show Timetable reminder:</b>	<p>Tuesday 18th Dec:  9-9.30 Gemma  9.40-10.10 Aisling  10.40-11.10 Aiveen  11.20-12 Fiona  12.40-1.10 Fionnuala</p> <p>Wednesday 19th Dec;  9-9.30 Eoin  9.40-10.10 Aileen  10.40-11.10 Mark  11.20-12 Ciara  12.40-1.10 Rachel</p> <p>Tea and coffee will be served by the PTA twenty minutes before each show. Max two adults per child are welcome to attend. Winter Shows will all take place in Aileen's downstairs prefab.</p>	
9	<b>Trouser Hangers</b>	<p>We are looking to collect some trouser hangers to store our selection of big books. They can be wooden or plastic, once they have two clips, similar to the one below. If you have any spare or if you are doing a clear out, we would be more than happy to accept them</p>	
10	<b>Board of</b>	<p>The next meeting will take place on December 17th</p>	

	<b>Management</b>		
11	<b>Enterprise</b>	Massive thank you to all those who supported the Enterprise Winter Market on Wednesday. It was a big success for the Enterprise children! From the Halloween Market and the Winter Market combined, the children raised €229.55. They have chosen to donate this money to Temple Street Children's Hospital. Thank you to everyone who helped the children achieve this. Gemma	
12	<b>Thanks</b>	Big thank you to the parents who helped assemble the stage and prepare the Winter show backdrop. This has really helped us to prepare for the shows this week! If there is any parent available to help dismantle the stage on Wednesday afternoon, this would be really helpful!	
13	<b>After-School Clubs</b>	Teachers will be reviewing the after school clubs currently in place. We hope for clubs to start by the 21st January. More information will follow in the New Year.	
14	<b>Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine</b>	<i>Féach ar sin! - Look at that!</i> <i>Fay-uck air shin</i>	<a href="#">Awards</a>
15	<b>Student of the Week</b>	This week the target is 'We care for everyone'.	<a href="#">Awards</a>
16.	<b>PTA Teacher Gift Policy</b>	As the midwinter gift-giving holidays are upon us, the PTA would like to remind parents that any gifts to teachers from families should be simple (a card!) and/or homemade (a picture!) and from the children themselves. Thanks!	
17.	<b>International Party</b>	2019's International Party will take place at Christ Church Hall in Sandymount on 20 January, from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. The PTA are looking for volunteers to help with the event by cooking a dish, helping to set up and take down at the venue, leading an activity, etc. Please email <a href="mailto:PTA@ShellybanksETNS.ie">PTA@ShellybanksETNS.ie</a> if you'd like to be involved!	<a href="mailto:pta@shellybankssetns.ie">pta@shellybankssetns.ie</a>

		(While you're planning what to cook or bake, please do consider sending the recipe to the attached email for the "Fifty Recipes in Five Years" cookbook project.)	
18	<b>Winter Cards Fundraiser</b>	Thanks to our children's beautiful artwork and the teachers' leadership in helping them create these cards! This year's Winter Card fundraiser raised €825 for the school.	