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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our December newsletter. We hope everyone's Christmas preparations are going well.

**Covid 19** – I would like to thank parents for being so co-operative regarding our Covid 19 protocols. We would ask all families to stick to all the government guidelines regarding mask wearing in school, social distancing, cough etiquette and the washing of hands to keep everyone safe over the holiday period. Most importantly, if any child has symptoms of Covid 19, please keep them at home to prevent the spread of the virus.

We have no way of knowing if schools will re-open after the Christmas break. We must hope for the best but also be prepared if the government decides to close us. For this reason we will be sending home the core school books this week in preparation for possible 'distance learning' in January.

**The Giving Season** – We would like to thank all families who supported our St. Vincent De Paul appeal this month. Well done to the student council for organizing the Santa Run and to the children for designing such lovely wishing stars for our Christmas tree. In total we raised 625 euro for the St. Vincent de Paul and the student council will present a cheque to the local conference of the SVP who help so many families in our school community this Wednesday. As in previous years, teachers have requested that they not be given a gift but instead the children can make a small donation to the society instead.

**Radio Lusca, Christmas Around the World** – Normally we would finish the school year with a Christmas Mass on the last day of school. However, due to Covid 19 restrictions that is not possible again this year. Instead we used Radio Lusca to present 'Christmas Around the World' as a radio play this year. I know the children really enjoyed it. A huge thanks to Ms. MacNamee, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Daly, Ms. Browne and Mr. Gleeson for working with the children on this. We are hoping to put snippets of the show on the school website prior to the Christmas break.

**Student Council** – A huge well done to the Student Council and Ms, Casey for organising 'The Twelve Random Acts of Kindness' this month. It was a lovely idea and a great way of making the children think of the real spirit of Christmas. The Student Council have also asked that all boys and girls wear their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday. I have mine ready to go!

**Re-launch of School Website** – We are very excited to inform parents that we will be re-launching our school website in January. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Duignam who has put massive work into updating the website this term. We really hope parents will enjoy the new features on the site and that it will become the key information point regarding all school activities over the coming years.

**Lusk Community Unit/ Nursing Home** –This month our traditional music group, under the guidance of Ms. Browne, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Daly, visited Lusk Community Unit and played music in the car park for the residents to enjoy. It was a lovely visit enjoyed by young and old alike. I am really proud of our children and teachers for the links they have built with the residents and the kindness they have shown to them.

**Enrolment** – We would like to remind all parents that application forms for enrolment in next year's third classes will be distributed through the Junior School on January 10th and should be returned to the senior school office from January the 10th until January 31<sup>st</sup>. Our Admissions Policy and Admissions Notice for the 2022/23 school year are available to view on the school website at [www.luskns.ie](http://www.luskns.ie)

**Departure of Ms. Gallagher** – We are very sorry to inform parents that Ms. Martina Gallagher, who has been teaching with us for the past seven years is leaving us this Christmas to take up a teaching position closer to home. She will be a huge loss to our school community as she has been a super teacher who has added greatly to the life of our school in so many ways. I know you will join with me in wishing Martina the very best in her new position.

**Dates for the Diary –**

Wednesday 22nd December – Christmas Holidays – Children go home at 12.10p.m.

Thursday 6th January – School re-opens 8.50 a.m.

Finally the staff of Lusk Senior National School, St. MacCullin's would like to wish all our parents, guardians and other members of the community in Lusk who are such a support a happy and peaceful Christmas break. It has been another incredibly challenging year for so many families and we hope everyone has a chance to relax, take a breath and appreciate the blessings in our lives.

**Regards,**

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