



### Message from the Principal

As we end the term and settle into the festive season, on behalf of myself and the staff of Naas Community National School, I want to wish you the very best over the winter break. Whatever festival you are celebrating, I hope it is a happy time for you and your family.

We have just ended a wonderful term. We have achieved so much this term and look forward to next year for even better achievements. A very special thank you goes to our children for their hard work, kindness and positive attitude.

December was a very busy month in general and you'll see some of the great work on our school website [www.naascns.ie](http://www.naascns.ie). I would also encourage everyone to like our Facebook (Naas Community National School) and Twitter account @naascns. Both can be accessed through our website where we keep everyone updated with the latest news from our school. We'll be back in action on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 with another busy term so until then, keep happy, safe and learning.

Mrs Caroline Colleran  
Principal

### Maths for Fun

Our monthly maths for fun will take place this Friday at 1:15 in the Junior & Senior Infant classrooms. Anyone who wishes to volunteer can sign the volunteer in the school office.

### Visit to Craddockstown Nursing Home

Múinteoir Fiona's 1<sup>st</sup> class will visit the elderly in Craddockstown Nursing Home on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11:00 am.

### Primary Science RDS Young Scientist Exhibition 2015

*This year, our 6<sup>th</sup> Class (The Eagles) are busy preparing their project for the RDS Exhibition on 08<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Their project is called "Which physical activity has the most positive influence on our overall fitness?" We look forward to success again this year.*

**ALL AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES HAVE FINISHED  
FOR CHRISTMAS AND WILL COMMENCE THE  
WEEK OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2016**

### Swimming

Swimming continues for Múinteoir Sínead Dunbar & Sínead Lyons classes on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of January. 1<sup>st</sup> Class lessons start on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January & 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.

### School Self Evaluation

The subject focus of our school self-evaluation this year is social, personal & health education. We will be conducting a survey to gather parental views of "Well-Being" in our school. We would also like to hold a number of focus groups in January for parents who are interested. If you would like to participate please keep an eye on our school website [www.naascns.ie](http://www.naascns.ie) for more information on these focus groups in the new year.

### Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland / Peace Proms

Fifth class will be participating in the Peace Proms again this year. This year the children will be performing in the R.D.S on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 2 o'clock. Tickets are now available to purchase on the peace proms website <http://peaceproms.com/buy-tickets/>. Tickets are priced at €15 each or €50 for a family of four.

### Christmas Recital

We are very excited to announce that Naas Youth Orchestra will be performing a Christmas recital in the school on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December at 10:00 am. We would like to extend an invitation to all parents who wish to attend this festive event however it will be standing room only.

### Christmas Party for Pupils – 21st December

PTA will provide treats & drinks and Santa might pop in if he has time. Thank you to all Parents and PTA Committee Members for their support and generosity knows no bounds from toys & books to decorating & recycling donations, we appreciate all that you do.

**22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, TUESDAY IS A NON-UNIFORM DAY. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12:30 PM. SCHOOL BUSES WILL TAKE THE CHILDREN HOME AT THIS TIME.**

### Parent / Teacher Meetings

*Thank you to all parents who attended the recent parent/teacher meetings. As always they provided valuable opportunity to exchange information and insights on your children.*

### School Calendar January – Easter

- Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> January school resumes after Christmas Holidays
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February school closes at 12:30 pm for staff meeting
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February school closed for mid-term
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February school resumes after mid-term
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March school closes for Easter holidays

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#### Christmas

Christmas is here  
It's the best time of year  
Kids play, adults say yay  
Jingle bells jingle bells jingle all the way

By Pedro  
4<sup>th</sup> Class

More samples of their fine work are available on our website [www.naascns.ie](http://www.naascns.ie)

### Literacy Surveys

We would like to thank all parents and children for taking the time to complete the school self-evaluation literacy survey.

### Junior Infants Immunisation

Immunisation takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January in school. Forms must be returned either way if you accept or decline. They will be collect from the school this week. Please return forms ASAP.

### SAMPLE OF WINTER POETRY FROM OUR STUDENTS

A rtic is also known as the North Pole  
R eindeer, Santa, Elves and Mrs Clause work  
there  
C aribou are more wild than reindeer  
T he Artic is always cold  
I t is very icy  
C aribou and reindeer eat moss, grass and plants

By Ryan Moloney  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class

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Reindeer  
A cute reindeer  
A lovely cute reindeer  
A happy red nose lovely cute reindeer  
And a very happy happy happy New Year

By Grace Binoy  
1<sup>st</sup> Class

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Snow is falling, icy roads  
Snowman building and hot chocolate with  
marshmallows  
Sleigh riding, bells ringing  
Christmas dinner and carol singing

Eggnog, turkey and pudding to  
If you're a good boy or girl Santa's coming to you  
New Year's coming but Christmas first  
If I have to wait any longer I'm going to burst

Christmas presents under the Christmas tree  
Everyone full of Christmas glee  
Merry Christmas to all  
Winter is here just after fall

By Toyosi Adenuga  
5<sup>th</sup> Class