

Scoil San Treasa

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NUACHTLITIR (NEWSLETTER) FOR ALL PARENTS, No. 7, 7ú Nollaig, 2018

Tá an Nollaig beagnach buailte linn! The **Christmas holidays** are fast approaching. The Christmas Crib and Advent Wreath in the foyer - together with the children's beautiful Christmas artwork, singing, music and plays - remind us of the real message of Christmas. *Thank you, boys and girls, for making this time of the year so special.*

Novelty Day – an ever-popular event in the school calendar – generated a great buzz around the school yesterday. Our pupils in sixth class put great energy, enthusiasm, hard work and good will into the preparations and the overall coordination of the event, revealing great business acumen in the process! Many thanks to all who supported this event in so many ways.

Focus Ireland – Annual Food Appeal: Scoil San Treasa has a fine tradition of seeking to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Again this year, we will be operating as a food collection point for Focus Ireland. Families are invited to leave non-perishable food items in the special boxes/containers in the school foyer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. These items will then be collected by Focus Ireland for distribution to the homeless and those in need. We thank you in advance for your valued support of this cause.

Solve-A-Problem: As you may already be aware, intermittently throughout the year, we post three 'problems' on the school website on a Friday. Our most recent set of problems is live from today, 7th December. (Look under the tab, 'Parents' on www.sstreasa.ie)

- one for Juniors (restricted to pupils from Infants to Second Class),
- one for the Whole School (open to all pupils) and
- one Challenge (a particularly 'challenging' problem, as the name suggests, for any pupil to try!)

Children are welcome to attempt the problem/challenge, write their suggested answer on a sheet of paper (together with their full name and class) and post it in the specially-designed boxes in the school foyer by 2:20pm on the following Wednesday. There is a small prize for the first correct solution drawn from each box – to be awarded on the Thursday or Friday. In this way, there will be an element of luck involved.

Participation in SST Solve-A-Problem is optional. The problems/challenges posed take a variety of forms and vary in degree of difficulty. Some of them may not initially seem to be closely linked to Maths at all but may nevertheless prompt your child's problem-solving and thinking skills, and may whet their appetite for problem solving. Just as is the case with real-life problems, some of the problems may be perplexing and difficult, some may be relatively easy, some may have more than one correct solution and some may take a while to tease out. We hope that you will find this to be another useful way of engaging your child with Maths in a broad and thought-provoking way that is not restricted to the classroom or textbook. We encourage you to prompt your child to take part, and to use this as an opportunity to explore Maths together in a fun and challenging way, away from the textbooks.

Please remember that the school closes for all pupils at **12 noon on Friday 21st December**, which is a '**non-uniform day**'. As usual, pupils will be free to wear their own clothes on that day, making sure to wear something that is 'school-appropriate' and also warm, safe and manageable for playtime in the yard, for example. Pupils are invited to bring a euro or two to school for charity on that day. (Details of recipients of such charity fundraisers are regularly displayed on the school noticeboard in the foyer.)

Le buíochas agus le gach dea-ghuí, Anne English (Príomhoide)