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November 2023

Dates for the diary:

- 7th of December - Winter Fair (1pm-3.30pm)
- 19th of December - Junior Winter Extravaganza (Junior Infants - 2nd class)
- 20th of December - Senior Winter Extravaganza (3rd class - 6th class)
- 22nd of December - Half day

Hot School Meals

We are delighted to announce that following our application earlier this year we have received confirmation that Aston Village ETNS will receive funding for Hot School Meals for all of our pupils. There will be no cost to parents. All children will choose their preferred meal through an app. We are hopeful that this will be in place from April, 2024. We are in the process of engaging with suppliers and a number of ovens will have to be installed. More information to follow in the coming months.

Food Drive

We will have a food drive appeal ongoing from now until Thursday 7th December in support of the St. Vincent de Paul. If anyone would like to donate a voucher for a supermarket or food items from the list below we would be very grateful.

The following list has examples of foods that are suitable for donation. Please ensure that food is sealed/unopened and in date:

- Rice/pasta/noodles
- Tinned fruit/veg/fish/meat
- Breakfast cereals/porridge oats
- UHT milk and fruit juice
- Biscuits/crackers
- Crisps/popcorn/confectionery/selection boxes
- Soups and sauces
- Jam/honey/peanut butter
- Cooking oil
- Toiletries such as hand soap/shower gel/shampoo

Winter Fair

There will be a Winter Fair held on Thursday 7th of December in the school hall from 1pm to 3.30pm. It promises to be a lovely afternoon. There will be craft stalls, games and entertainment. If you would like to hold a stall or donate a prize for our Reindeer Raffle contact the school office at office@astonvillageetns.com. All money raised will go to completing our sensory room.

Reindeer Raffle

This year's Reindeer Raffle will take place on Friday 15th December with some great prizes up for grabs!

Prizes will be posted to our Facebook page soon. Entry to the raffle is €5 and you can enter as many times as you like. For each entry your child will receive a packet of magic reindeer food. These are uniquely numbered. Please keep a note of your number as this is your raffle ticket!

Reindeer food will be handed out between the 11th-15th December. Tickets can be purchased via Aladdin until midnight on Thursday 14th December. Please keep an eye on our school Facebook page for updates!

All proceeds from the raffle will go towards completing our new sensory room.

Winter Shows

Rehearsals for this year's Winter Extravaganza have begun across the school. This year our shows will take place on Tuesday 19th of December (Junior Winter Extravaganza) for Junior Infants - 2nd class and on Wednesday 20th of December (Senior Winter Extravaganza) for 3rd class to 6th Class. Both shows will begin at 6pm in the school hall. More information on ticketing to follow.

Coats and hats

Parents / guardians are reminded with winter upcoming for children to dress appropriately for the weather. This would include coats and hats for wet and cold weather.

Money Club

Drogheda Credit Union is running a Schools money club for children in 3rd -6th class who have existing accounts in the credit union. Sharon visits monthly and children can deposit up to €5 to their accounts. For more info contact sharon@droghedacu.ie

Parent Volunteers

A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who are volunteering on a weekly basis to listen to the children reading and help with the breakfast club. The children are enjoying practicing their reading. If you have an hour to spare and would like to help out please get in touch with Pauline to organise Garda vetting.

2023/24 Voluntary Family Contribution

A huge thanks to all who have made a voluntary contribution to the school. Our school grant funding for day to day running costs is extremely limited and we rely heavily on our annual voluntary family contribution from you to ensure that the school is adequately resourced. The requested contributions for 2023/24 are set as follows:

1 child = **€80** 2 children = **€150** 3 children = **€210**

If you would like to pay in installments please email the office at office@astonvillageetns.com to arrange this. We are very conscious that some parents are experiencing financial difficulties and ask those affected to let us know so that we can make arrangements for you in the strictest of confidence. We ask that all payments be made online via the link you receive via Aladdin. There are no additional fees to parents to use the Aladdin payment system.