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**2023**  
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## Drumacrutin National School January 2023 Newsletter

### Happy New Year

Firstly, we would like to begin by thanking you all for your lovely Christmas presents. We hope you all had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2023.

### Carol Singing in the Shopping Centre

We must commend our pupils for their wonderful effort when we went carol singing on 20<sup>th</sup> December. They really represented the school so well and received great praise for their lovely singing.

### Swimming

Swimming lessons will be taking place during this term. Lessons will be held on Mondays from 11am- 12pm and will begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Lessons will continue for 10 weeks, excluding 6<sup>th</sup> February, with the final week being Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. A bus has been arranged to transport the pupils to and from the Monaghan Leisure Complex.

The cost of lessons will be €7.50 per pupil, (this includes €4.20 for the swimming lesson and €3.30 for the bus.) Lessons can be paid for individually each week or in total at the end. Just let Lila know if you wish for her to send you a bill at the end of the lessons.

If your child is absent on swimming day, the swimming lesson does not need to be paid for but we would appreciate payment for the bus as its cost must be covered regardless of numbers.

We also require a parent or guardian of Junior and Senior Infants pupils to come along to assist with changing and dressing before and after the lesson as teachers are unable to help pupils with changing. Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> class upwards can get changed by themselves.

Children will need to have a swimming hat. Children will also have their feet checked for verrucas on the first day, therefore, you may like to send swimming socks if you think your child has a verruca.

We hope everyone enjoys their swimming lessons this term.

### Food Dudes

Please find enclosed a letter from Food Dudes for your attention. We will be taking part in Food Dudes from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January. We hope to continue the Healthy Eating trend throughout the month by encouraging everyone to bring some fruit and veg to school everyday in their lunchboxes. Our Health Promoting Schools committee will be organising for Healthy Eating Activities throughout the month.

### Cash for Clobber

We hope to have a Cash for Clobber collection in February. This a great opportunity to raise some money for school funds with the added bonus of de-cluttering for Springtime. We will be sending collection bags home in the coming weeks so please start gathering up any unwanted clothes, fabric, sheets, shoes and bags.

### Open Day

We will be holding our Open Day for new Junior Infants on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Please let any prospective families in the area, who may like to consider our school, know about this date.