



# Hansfield

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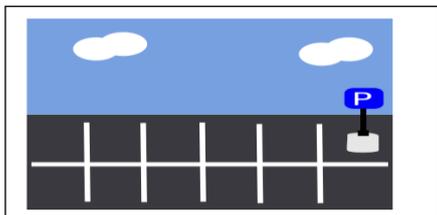
Our school's first term will end on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 @ 12 noon.

Term 2 will begin @ 8:30am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Parents are invited to join us for our Mid-Winter Assemblies this week in the hall. Our **indefatigable** PTA will be providing seasonal refreshments for parents prior to each assembly and selling small festive treats including individual class 2017 calendars - a nice gift for grandparents.

- Junior Infants Assembly - Monday @ 12:30pm.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class Assembly - Monday @ 1:30pm.
- Senior Infants' Assembly - Tuesday @ 12:30pm.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Assembly - Tuesday @ 1:30pm.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class Assembly - Wednesday @ 1:30pm

The children will return to their classrooms following the assemblies while parents make their way outside to the usual collecting points.



A big "Thank You" to all our parents who use the "Set Down" zone correctly every morning. It makes the traffic flow very smoothly. You are very welcome to park your car and accompany your child into school, but please use the other zones/basketball court for this purpose. We need 3 volunteer parents every morning to keep the traffic flowing and keep pedestrians safe. If you are free to help out from 8:15 to 8:30 any morning, please speak to Fergal.

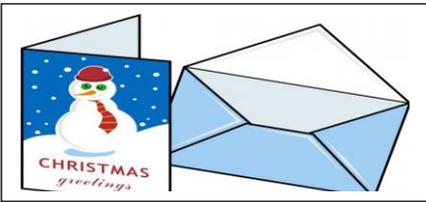
The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class have been learning to play the tin whistle during the 1<sup>st</sup> term. They are making great progress because they are practicing every day and can't wait to play all the tunes they know so far at assembly this week. .



We are delighted to announce that Mini-Tennis coaching sessions will be starting during our 2<sup>nd</sup> term - probably at the end of January. The sessions will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:30pm in the hall. All the necessary equipment will be provided but numbers will be restricted to 14 children to ensure that everyone gets individual attention. Please contact **Paddy** on 087 2345178 for details and to enrol in these classes.

The 1<sup>st</sup> term for GAA ended last Saturday morning. Sessions will resume on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the school hall at the usual time. If you wish to enrol your child in GAA and learn how to play football and hurling, you can phone **Cecil** on **086 2597789** for details.





There are lots of people in Hansfield ETNS who take great care of the children every day. It is a lovely to see the children saying “Thank You” to these people before the winter holidays. The best way to do this is to make a little “Thank You” card, draw a picture on the front and colour it in. You could write “Thank You” on the inside and a kind message too! Secretary, Lollipop lady, Teachers, SNA’s, Bus escorts, Bus drivers and Cleaners.

Welcome to our 3 new teachers Grace, Heather and Darragh who joined us recently. They will be with us until the end of the year in a support role. We hope that they will be happy in Hansfield ETNS and that the children will be happy learning with them.



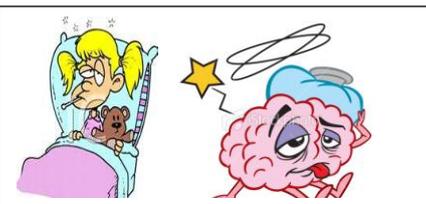
Bernie (the most cheerful secretary in Ireland) has asked that parents make sure that the school has up to date phone numbers and emergency contact details. We have needed both recently and failed to make contact. Children understandably, become quite distressed when we can’t contact their parents. Your help in this regard is appreciated.

Many thanks to all the parents and pupils who brought in old mobile phones during the past year so that we could get a defibrillator for our school. It is now installed on the wall outside our PE hall as part of a First Aid Centre. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> term, both staff and visiting adult groups who use the hall will be doing a special course in how to use this specialised equipment properly.



As you join the children in their winter assemblies this week in the hall, you will notice all the children’s winter art and a most beautiful “winter scene” mural. This mural was painted by one of our parents, Fran (Tori’s mum in Emily’s class) last week. 2 children from each class also helped by painting the leaves on the big tree. Thank you so much Fran for generously sharing your talent with everyone ☺

Busy Bees Pre-school has the same holidays as Hansfield ETNS. The next entry point for children who wish to enrol is January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017. Parents should **contact Debbie on 087 6601805** as soon as possible if they wish to enrol their child for the new session.



If your child is ill, the best plan is to keep him/her at home until they are fully recovered. If they return to school too early they may suffer a worse dose and have to stay at home again as well as passing the illness to the other children in the class and the teacher. Please bring a doctor’s cert with you when returning from illness. The welfare Board oblige the school to enter details of these certs on our on-line Attendance records. Many thanks.

The Board of Management and staff would like to extend a warm wish to everyone in Hansfield ETNS for a happy winter holiday and happiness during 2017. Many of our pupils, their families and staff members will be travelling to different countries during the holidays and we hope that they have a safe journey to their destination, a happy holiday and return safely to Dublin for the New Year 2017. Happy holidays everyone!