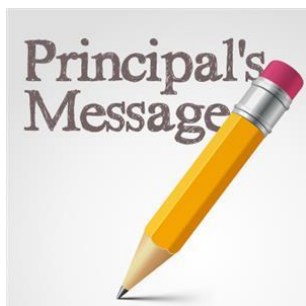




### A Note From The Principal



Dear Parents,  
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. We have been delighted to welcome all the children back to school for our second term of the school year. We will shortly be holding our annual parent-teacher meetings, for which you will receive an appointment for your child. We are delighted to have our meetings face-to-face once again. Please liaise with your child's class teacher if your appointment doesn't suit and we will do our best to accommodate you. Wishing you all a great second term, Ms Ward

### Christmas Shows



We were delighted to provide all the children with a special treat this Christmas. The children from Junior Infants to 2nd class enjoyed a Christmas puppet show and the children in the senior end of the school enjoyed a trip to the Dominican College to see this year's musical performance, Ella Enchanted. It was such a nice treat at the end of a busy term. Many thanks to the PTA whose fundraising paid for this experience.

### Santa Dash



On the last day of term our whole school community turned out in force for a Santa Dash from Ashford Village up to the school. We had fantastic support from the local Gardaí and lots of parents took part too! This event was in aid of Crumlin's children's hospital and we were so grateful for all your generous donations. Our school raised €470! A big thanks to the Active Committee for organising this event.



## Church Notices

### United Youth

This is a group for 4th-6th class, and meets once per month, in East Glendalough. The Feb meeting will be Saturday 4 Feb, 6-7.30pm. There is a cost of €5 to cover expenses.

### Family Service

The next family service will be at 5pm on Sunday 26 February. It was lovely to see so many at the January service, so we look forward to seeing everyone again at the next one!

### Avoca Manor

The annual Scripture Union camp for Wicklow & Killiskey will be 24-26 March. This is open to pupils in 5th & 6th class, and is run by volunteers from Wicklow Parish. The camp is open to anyone, regardless of religious affiliation. The weekend consists of a mix of activities (climbing wall, zip line, sports etc), crafts, and some sessions exploring some themes of Christian living. More details, exact costs etc will be circulated as soon as possible.

## Dates For Your Diary



6<sup>th</sup> – Imbolc day – no school  
7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – Parent-teacher meetings  
7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – well-being week  
13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Midterm Break

### Outstanding Achievement!

Recently Nun's Cross was represented by two pupils in the Leinster Schools Swimming Competition at the National aquatic center. Charlotte and Isaac Downey did an excellent job, both recording personal best times, Isaac in the backstroke and Charlotte in the Freestyle, Breaststroke and 100 Individual Medley. We are delighted to have learned that Charlotte has qualified for the National Swimming Competition in March in the Butterfly. Well done Charlotte and Isaac, we are so proud of you!

## A message from your PTA



Happy New Year from all the PTA. It seems ages ago since Santa Claus made a surprise appearance to the school. We hope that the children enjoyed it all as much as the PTA did! Many thanks to everyone who supported us last year in our fundraising. We're busy meeting with the teachers picking out different items to enhance the play areas. Please keep an eye out on the school facebook page and e-mail for more updates



### Road Works

Please be advised that the scheduled road works being carried out by Irish Water will commence on Feb 13th until March 10th. This will result in the road leading from the new Ballinahinch Wood estate up to the school being closed to public access. The construction company undertaking the work has kindly allowed school traffic to pass **during morning drop-off times only**. We have also been advised that the road will remain open to pedestrians. Alternative routes will need to be taken at home times. When using alternative routes, we kindly ask for you to be aware that many of the alternative routes are not designed for high volumes of traffic and ask for extreme caution to be exercised while driving.