



Swords Educate Together National School Roll Number 20145 O

SETNS Newsletter
21st December 2018

Online Threats

At this time of year when presents are given and received, we ask parents/guardians to be vigilant in relation to online gaming and exposure to online threats. Over recent weeks it has come to our attention that children are being exposed to games/websites that are not intended for young children. One game in particular is called "fortnite" and is causing a lot of upset and potential risks to children who are playing it. These games are highly addictive and when played unsupervised and online, can allow the players to communicate with strangers and often older players. These games carry an age level of 12+ years and are not suitable for children under this age.

Vending Machines

The children have been reminded this week that access to the Community Centre before or after school is not permitted unless accompanied by an adult. Some children are going into the Centre before and after school and using the vending machines to purchase sweets. Please remind your child/children that they are not allowed to enter the centre unless accompanied by an adult.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Claire O'Sullivan who will be returning after the holidays following her Maternity Leave. Claire will be teaching Avril's 1st class for the remainder of the Academic year. I know you will join me in wishing her all the best.



On behalf of the staff of SETNS, I would like to wish all parents/guardians, children and extended families a happy and restful holiday season and best wishes for 2019. We look forward to welcoming you and the children back on 7th January 2019.

Warmest Regards,
Karl.



again, transformed into an amazing Winter Wonderland and it was all thanks to our PTA and friends of the PTA. Plans for the Winter Market began earlier this year and thanks to Susana and her team for making this event happen.

The day was a huge success with stalls, a coffee shop, activities for children complete with festive songs being sung by the children throughout the day.

Many thanks to all parents/guardians who contributed to the day and the friends and families who supported it. It was lovely to see grandparents and other family members visit our school too. The final amount raised has yet to be confirmed but will go a long way in providing valuable resources for the children.



School Performances

It has been a busy month with festive performances both in class and as part of the Winter Market. I would like to thank the staff and children for the tremendous amount of work that was put in, especially at this time of year. I would like to thank the School Choir performers and teachers (Maura, Aisling and Niamh) who gave up their lunch times to prepare the children. I know we have only heard the beginning of their repertoire at present but I know there is more in store. Watch this space!!!!



School Closure Friday 21st December:

Junior and Senior Infants: 11.45a.m.
1st-6th Classes: 12.00p.m.

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