Week 14 Christmas Newsletter Date: 20-12-2022 **Events / Dates Venue / Comment** Item: Date: for your diary: 20-12-2022 School and staff room at 11am Bishop Ray Browne's informal visit Christmas 21-12-2022 Holidays Half day School 05-01-22 Apologies for the typo in our new school calendar reopening School Closure 06-01-2022 The school will close Friday the 6th of January for staff Staff training training. The school did not have a choice with the choice of day. Useful I would like to extend the warmest wishes to Catríona Healy as she prepares for the Information:

- next chapter in her life. Catríona has given selflessly to the pupils in her care and has been dedicated to the work of St. Francis Special School since her arrival. We wish her all the best and will miss her greatly.
- Congratulations to all on the busking and to Mary and Breda for organising the last few weeks. The culmination was of course Friday, but it was the groundwork and energy of the whole school the last few weeks that has made this event huge so well done to all
- Congratulations to Elaine Kelliher and Seán Foley who have been appointed to Assistant Principal 2 positions on the Leadership and Management Team. St. Francis Special School is lucky that all staff show leadership every single day in school.
- Congratulations to Katie Sugrue who has appointed to a Fixed Term position until the end of the school year
- Elaine Spillane will cover the Ash class until June
- Róisín O'Hara will cover the Hawthorn class after Christmas
- I want to extend the warmest Christmas wishes to each family in our school community including pupils and staff. We have unbelievable moments to be grateful and celebrate this term but we have also had challenging and heart breaking moments in particular in the past week. I am grateful for our amazing staff who give tirelessly for our pupils and their families.
- Nollaig Shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!!

