

7. Nuachtlitir

10/01/2023

February School Closing

The school will be closed on Monday, February 6th (Bank Holiday) and on Thursday & Friday February 16th/17th (mid-term).

“Beatha teanga í a labhairt”

We encourage the children to use the Irish that they know throughout the school day and at home. You can support your child by using your Irish also. Attached to this email you will find a sheet with a list of key phrases that can be used at home. Just select one or two phrases each week and practice them with your child. It might be an idea to display this sheet at home on the fridge or cupboard and highlight the phrases you are working on.

Bain triail as! Give it a try!

School opening time

The school will open to receive pupils at 9.05 a.m. **No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time.** Classes will commence each day at 9.20 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. (2 p.m. for infants). Parents should make their own arrangements to have children met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school no later than 3 p.m. as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

I wish to remind the parents of senior classes that children playing in the tennis court before school are not supervised.

Punctuality

All pupils should be in school by 9.17 a.m. **at the latest** to ensure that they are settled into their class for 9.20 a.m. start. Please support your child in developing good habits around punctuality.

3 p.m. collection from back gate

If children are not collected at 3 p.m. they will return to the main school entrance with the supervising teacher and await collection by parents at the front door.

Junior Infants Parent-Teacher Meeting

The meetings will take place on Tuesday, January 24th and Thursday, January 26th. More detail to follow.

Reminder September Fees

Please send in any outstanding fees before Wednesday, February 15th

Return of Special Readers

We appeal to parents of Senior Infants, Rang I and Rang II who use the special group readers (PM, Beanstalk, Junior Reading) to search bookshelves, toy boxes etc. for missing books. It is important that we try to keep the sets complete as we use them with multiple classes.

Reminder: Healthy Eating

Just a reminder again about healthy eating. We encourage the children to:

- make their own lunch or be involved in the making of their lunch
- bring water each day
- bring a portion of fruit each day
- bring a portion of vegetables each day
- not to bring 'treats' (biscuits, chocolate bars, cakes, sweets, cereal bars and dessert yoghurts) during the week (Mon.-Thurs.) These are on the top shelf of the food pyramid as they are foods high in fat, sugar and salt. One small 'treat' is allowed on Fridays, should a parent wish to include one.

Dates for your Diary:

- ❖ Catholic Schools Week 2023 - 22/01/2023 - 29/01/2023
- ❖ Table Quiz Ballyduff Upper 3rd February at 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.; 4th - 6th class (€5 per child)
- ❖ Synergy Credit Union Primary School Annual Quiz:

Competition A: Under 11 - for entrants aged 10 or younger on 31st December 2022.

Competition B: Under 13 - for entrants aged 12 or younger on 31st December 2022

Posters for both quizzes are attached; Please let class teachers know before Friday, January 13th if your child is interested in taking part.

Lost and Found

Our Lost & Found basket is full with jumpers, coats, tracksuit tops, helmets, water bottles, hats... As there are no names on any of the items we cannot find the owners. If your child is missing any items please come and collect before Friday, January 13th. Any items remaining after Friday will be donated to charity.

Aldi Stickers

Aldi stickers can be brought in anytime as we will enter the draw this year.

Mise le meas,

Mairéad Uí Íomhair.