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January Newsletter

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after the holidays. I hope you all had a lovely relaxing break and that 2018 is a good year for us all.

Christmas Markets

The Christmas Markets were a great success and an enjoyable day was had by all. There are lots of future entrepreneurs among us. Thank you so much for all the support from home. A total of €2,220.30 was raised.

Debating

Our 6th class debating team have made it through to the next round of the 'Kildare Debating Festival'. The next debate will be held in Scoil Bhríde on Friday 26th January. The girls will be debating against Straffan N.S. The motion for the debate is 'People should be fined for not recycling'. Our school is proposing this motion. This is a wonderful opportunity for the girls. I would like to thank Mrs. May and Mrs. McKenna for their hard work preparing the girls for the debates.

Gymnastics

Second class, Third class and Mrs. McKenna's Sixth class will be starting gymnastics with Katerina on Thursday 25th January at a cost of €10 for 8 weeks. Each session will last 45 minutes. The children should wear their tracksuits to school for gymnastics.

Swimming

The 4th class are starting swimming in K – Leisure on Thursday 11th January for 7 weeks at a cost of €56 for the term. Tracksuit to be worn on swimming days.

Peace Proms

The 5th class went to The National Sports Arena in Blanchardstown on Tuesday, 9th January for a practice for the Peace Proms.

Concert Date: 3rd February, 2018 at 8.00pm.

Concert Venue: RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin.

Tickets are on sale through the Peace Proms website www.peaceproms.com

Confirmation Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light for 6th class pupils making their Confirmation will be on Saturday 20th January at 6.30pm.

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2018/2019

Enrolment for Junior Infants for the 2018/2019 school year will take place on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th of January.

The following items are needed at the time of enrolment:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- PPS Number
- Baptismal Certificate if not Baptised in Clane and will be making her sacraments during her time in Scoil Bhríde (This is not a requirement).
- Proof of address in the form of a Current Utility Bill

Faith Friends

The 6th class will be participating in the Faith Friends programme with the Parish Team led by Trish O' Neill. This will start on Friday 26th January from 7 – 8 pm. The dates of the programme are Friday 26th January and the 2nd, 9th, 23rd February.

Bus Escort required

We are looking for a Bus Escort to travel with a Junior Infant child from her home in Kildare town to the school. The bus transport would pick up from the school at 8am and again at 1.30 pm. The escort would travel from the school on the bus transport to the child's home and accompany the child to school and the same on the return journey home in the evening. The hours would be 8am – 9am and 1.30 pm to 2.30pm.

Reporting of Absences

In the event of your daughter being absent from school we request that you write a note explaining her absence and send it in on her 1st day back to school. It is not necessary to telephone the school as we need it in writing.

I am emailing Parents once a child has been absent for 15 days. The school is obliged by law under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 to submit reports on school attendance and refer children who have been absent for 20 days.

Infant Parent Teacher Meetings

The Junior and Senior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings will take place towards the end of January. Your daughter's teacher will be in touch to arrange a meeting.

Johnny

Johnny, our caretaker has been in poor health since just before the Christmas holidays. We would like to wish Johnny a speedy recovery as we all miss him.

Credit Union Quiz

A team will be entered in the Credit Union Quiz on the 27th January.

Time Keeping

As the new school term begins and the start of a New Year, I will be speaking to the children at assembly about Time Keeping and arriving on time for school. There are a number of children who are consistently late for school. This is disruptive for the child and the rest of the class. Please ensure your child is in school on time.

School Closure

Please note the following date for your diaries. The school will close on Tuesday, 10th April 2018 as the teachers will be attending training on the new Primary Languages Curriculum. This closure is sanctioned by the Department of Education and Science.

Catholic Schools Week 28th January – 4th February

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is "Families of Faith". Bishop Denis has invited 2 teachers and 3 students, one from 4th, 5th and 6th class, to attend the launch in Carlow Cathedral on Wednesday 17th January. Mrs. D'Arcy and I will attend with the children.

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Eimear Hennessy
Principal