



13th October 2017

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We would like to thank you all for complying with our nut policy especially in the Junior Classes and as we approach Hallowe'en we remind you not to send any nuts or nut products to school.

Mid Term



School will be closed for the mid-term break from Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November. There will be no collection in the school this year for the Apostolic Society however we will still have our non uniform day on Friday 27th October. Pupils can dress up in Hallowe'en costumes or in their everyday clothes.

Revised Code of Behaviour and CCTV Policy

Both the Revised Code of Behaviour and CCTV Policy are on our website for parents to view. They will now come into effect after the Midterm Break. We ask that you as parents to sign up to these policies and return the form at the end of this newsletter. We constantly review policies in order to provide the best educational service for your children.

Sacramental Mass Dates

First Holy Communion:	12th November- Remembrance Sunday at 10.30am 10th December - Giving Sunday at 10.30am
Confirmation:	11th November- Remembrance Mass at 6.00pm 9th December - Giving Mass at 6.00pm

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings take place on Wednesday 25th October and Thursday 26th October from 3.00pm – 4.30pm. You will be given an appointment time but if you need to change this please contact the office or your child's teacher by note. The school will close at 2.45pm on Wednesday and Thursday for these meeting days as directed by the Department of Education. Our Student Council will provide

tea and coffee in the hall for parents on these days. Parent teacher meetings for Junior Infants will take place in November.

Clothes Collection



We will have a “**Bagged Clothes Collection**” on the week of the Parent Teacher meetings from Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October. All bagged clothes can be left in the hall during this week only.

Aladdin Online Payment

Thank you to all our parents who are using our Aladdin Online payment system to pay for school resources. Remember all that is required is your email address so that we can send you a link and you use your debit or credit card to pay. The ePayment system gives you access from an internet browser on your computer, phone or tablet to make secure payments to the school using your credit or debit card. You can get help to make ePayments through the school office at anytime. Payments can also be facilitated in instalments. The class with the most ePayment transactions on the 30th September was Mrs. L. Duffy's 3rd class. They will be rewarded with a 20% reduction on their school tour at the end of the year.

Swimming

Swimming lessons continue for all pupils from 1st – 6th class during this term. The cost of the swimming lessons and transport is subsidised by our Parent Association and costs €60 for the seven week course. Please pay online using Aladdin ePayments. Please note that all children must participate in swimming lessons which is a vital part of our Physical Education Programme.

- Group 4 Tuesday 24th Oct - 12th Dec 2nd Mrs. R. Smith & 5th Ms. M. Duff
- Group 5 Wed 25th Oct - 13th Dec 1st Mrs. Rogers & 4th Mrs. G. Boyle
- Group 6 Thurs 26th Oct - Thursday 14th Dec 1st Mrs. Mc Kenna & 4th Mr. Lafferty.

Peace Proms



Our choir of 30 pupils are in training for the Peace Proms 2018 which will take place on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th February 2018 in the RDS in Dublin. Our choir will sing with choirs from other schools around the country with a full orchestra accompaniment. Practice next Monday from 2-3 p.m. and thereafter every Friday before the workshop in Dublin in January. This will take place in the National Sports Arena with renowned conductor Greg Beardsell. Thanks to Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Cunningham for facilitating this wonderful opportunity for our choir.

Coiste Ghaelach



Beidh an Coiste Ghaelach ag geata na scoile gach maidin ag cur fáilte roimh gach duine a thagann isteach sa scoil. Iarraimid oraibh tacaíocht a thabhart dóibh. Beidh dúaiseanna don rang is fearr chun an ghaeilge a labhairt ar maidin. Beidh greamáin le fail ó na múinteoirí do labhairt na gaeilge ar scoil. Táimid ag iarraidh an Gaelbhratach a fháil don scoil.

Gaelic Football Training

Gaelic football training continues for 5th and 6th class boys on Mondays from 3.15- 4.15 at the G.A.A. pitch. Please ensure you have returned the permission form for activities on the GAA pitch. The Boys' team are doing well and have won one game out of twoss in the League. Their next match is against Farnham N.S. next week. They look forward to participating in the Semi Finals of the league. Thanks to Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Lafferty and Benny McCormack for organising the training. We wish our footballers all the best in the league.

Rugby Training with Jon Watts of Virginia Rugby Club

Tag Rugby training for 5th and 6th class pupils has taken place again today Tuesday 10th October at the soccer pitch. Thanks to the soccer club for the use of their pitch. A Rugby Blitz will take place on Friday 17th November at Virginia Rugby Club and we will be organising teams for this in the coming weeks.

Athletics

The Schools Cross Country Championships take place in Killinkere Leisure Complex on Wednesday 18th October. Thanks to Ms. Carroll for organising the training for this event, teams will be picked in the coming days.

Handball

The Cumann na mBunscol Handball Cavan finals takes place in January 2018. We will have a school league over the next few weeks to pick the teams who will be going forward to the Finals in St. Patrick's College in Cavan. Thanks to Mrs. Cunningham for organising the Handball league.

Futsal

The FAI Primary School Futsal Competition will take place at Cavan Army Barracks for 4th Class boys and girls, but if the weather allows at the Cavan Astro Park. Competition takes place from 21st – 23rd November. Futsal is 5 aside soccer played between two teams of five players each, one of whom is the goalkeeper.

New Chess and Draughts Club

Our Chess and Draughts Club meet after school every Tuesday in Ms. Duff's 5th Class from 3 - 3.45. Thanks to Magdelina Caffrey who is herself a champion Chess player, for her skilled tutoring of our pupils in chess. We hope to have a few teams to enter into the Community Games in March 2018.

Book Club Update from Ms. Duff

It's wonderful to see that the Book Club Members are devouring "Knights of the Borrowed Dark" by Dave Rudden. It is a challenging novel, full of frights and laugh-out loud moments. We are all looking forward to our lunchtime meeting on the 26th October in Ms. Duff's 5th Class for a lively discussion of the novel. See you then!

Green School News



Our new Green School Committee has been elected. They are busy promoting our W.O.W. days every Wednesday and tracking the percentage of pupils who walk to school. Don't forget to use the Church car park and Supervalu car park as designated areas for Park and Stride. The classes with the most pupils walking to school for September were 1st Mrs Rogers and 5th Ms Malone. They were presented with the Golden Boot.

The Green School Committee wrote to James McQuaid from Cavan County Council to alert him to the lack of road signage on the Kells Rd. They received a response to say that it will be given priority when the next round of money is being allocated. Congratulations to our Litter Sheriffs who are doing a wonderful job on keeping a strict control on rubbish. All litter and uneaten lunches are put back into pupils' lunch boxes to be recycled at home. This was necessary as lunches were being disposed of in our Green bin. This resulted in our Green Bins being returned to the school on collection day without being emptied. The Green School team have put new rules in place to ensure that no food ends up in our Green Bin again.

New School Parent Association

Thanks to all the parents who attended the A.G.M. of our Parent Association. We will have a new committee in the coming weeks and we look forward to their very important contribution to the school. We have 432 pupils that is 296 families, we would ask that you please consider giving a few hours to volunteer for activities and in attending talks and meetings that are beneficial to your child.

Enrolment for 2018

Enrolment for 2018 pupils will take place week beginning 15th January, enrolment forms and guideline will be available from the office and on our website during that week.

School Fund Raiser- 5 weeks Silver Circle

Thanks to all who supported our Silver Circle and congratulations to our winners:

Draw 1

1st Prize €100 Steven Mc Dowell	Seller's Prize Charlie Mc Dowell
2nd Prize €50 Damien Mc Cabe	Seller's Prize Katie Mc Cabe
3rd Prize €30 Julie Murtagh	Seller's Prize Siún Murtagh
4th Prize €20 Peter Clarke	Seller's Prize Killian Clarke

Draw 2

1st Prize €100 Ciara Crowe	Seller's Prize Aoife Crowe
2nd Prize €50 Fiona Campbell	Seller's Prize Laura Campbell
3rd Prize €30 Oliver Martin	Seller's Prize Niall Martin
4th Prize €20 Ellen Tinnelly	Seller's Prize Ryan Martin

Your continuing support and generosity is needed and very much appreciated.

Update on Build for our 3 Classroom ASD Extension

Work continues on the new extension. The landscape at the front of the school has changed with the demolition of the old toilets, two resource rooms and the Old Health Centre. The foundations for the new build will be laid next.

Sincerely yours,

Mairéad Corbally

Principal

Agreement to Revised Code of Behaviour and CCTV Policy

Please return this to the school

I have read the Revised Code of Behaviour Policy and CCTV Policy. I agree to cooperate with both policies which both aim to provide the best educational experience for my child/ children.

My children

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____