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## Newsletter - April 2019

### **SCHOOL CLOSURES 3<sup>rd</sup> TERM**

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April:	School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April:	School re-opens
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May:	Public holiday
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May:	School closes at 12.30 – Half Day In-service training
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May:	School closure – Full Day In-service Curriculum Training
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May:	School closure – Local and European Elections Polling Day
Monday June 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Public holiday
Tuesday June 4 <sup>th</sup> :	School closure – Vacation Day
Thursday June 27 <sup>th</sup> :	School closes at 12.30 for Summer Holidays

There is a change to school closures in June. The staff meeting listed on the calendar for **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June is now changed to Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>** to facilitate in-service training for teachers. Therefore, school will open and close as normal on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### **WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

It is great to see so many children walking to and from school. Children have been reminded at school to observe the rules of the road at all times, especially when crossing the road. It is important to regularly remind your children at home about the rules of the road. For their own safety children are also asked not to climb/walk on walls or through shrub beds on their way home. Public footpaths should be used at all times. Once children leave school grounds the school is no longer responsible for their safety.

### **GREEN FLAG**

The Green School Committee along with Mrs Glynn are continuing work on our 5th Green Flag for biodiversity. The children are developing the green area at the back of the school. We have applied for the flag and Sharon Cameron, Mayo County Council has visited the school and spoken to the children. Thanks to all the parents and members of the community who have helped us out in recent weeks.

### **ACTIVE FLAG**

This year we are also taking part in the Active School Flag initiative. The Active Schools Committee along with Mr Clarke are organising different activities for the whole school to take part in. Since the rugby coaching finished, all classes are now taking part in some tennis lessons.

### **SACRAMENTS**

The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class received the Sacrament of Penance on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. We wish the children every blessing as they prepare for these special occasions. As part of their preparation to receive the sacrament, the children will attend a retreat in Knock on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the Parents Association for covering the cost of the bus to Knock on that day.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Many thanks to all who contributed to our clothing collection on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We collected 810kg of clothing and the money raised, €405, will go towards the cost of school tours.

Many thanks to the Parents Association for their continued support. Due to their fundraising efforts €1195 was raised at the Christmas Card Game. €530 of this was donated to Mayo Roscommon Hospice. The Parents Association do tremendous work organising and running the monthly card games which are a great source of revenue to the school.

The Christmas Nativity raised €830 this year. Many thanks to all who came out to support the children and to those who donated on the night.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Tennis:** All children are taking part in a series of tennis lessons with Janis from Claremorris Tennis Club.

**Soccer:** Well done to all the children who took part in the Soccer Competition in Solar Park, Castlebar on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Rugby:** The children have just completed some rugby training sessions thanks to Connaught Rugby. A team of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys and girls took part in the Aldi Rugby Festival in Castlebar on 10<sup>th</sup> April. A great day was had by all!

**Football:** Football training for 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> class is currently taking at Mayo Gaels football pitch or in GP Hall on wet days.

**Swimming:** Swimming lessons are continuing for 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> classes.

## **RAFFLE**

We will be having a small Easter raffle on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Children should bring in €1 each if they wish to participate in the raffle.

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING**

There was a Board of Management meeting on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April. This newsletter contains all the information in the agreed report from that meeting and will be posted up on the Parents Noticeboard in the school porch.

## **POLICIES**

The following policy was ratified by the Board of Management at the last meeting: Digital Learning Plan.

## **OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES**

School starts in the morning at 9.20 and finishes, at 2pm for infants and 3pm for 1st-6th classes. The school is open at 9.10am to receive children in the morning. The Board of Management accepts no responsibility for children before 9.10am, whether or not there are staff present in the school building.

### ***Reminders:***

- Sincere thanks to all who paid the voluntary contribution. Please call to the school if you have not received a receipt for your contribution.
- If for any reason parents need to speak to a teacher during the school day, please contact the secretary to arrange an appointment.

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