

Saint Catherine's National School



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NEWSLETTER

This is a newsletter from the principal. I will be sending a school newsletter to all parents/guardians at the end of each half term.

School Uniform 2023/24

The wearing of the school uniform is strongly recommended as it establishes a basic standard of acceptable dress, promotes tidiness and also promotes a sense of unity and identity among the children.

These are the details of the school uniform:

Boys:

Navy Trousers
White polo t-shirt
Wine jumper
Wine/navy socks
Navy school shorts

Girls:

Navy Trousers / Pinafore / Skirt
White polo t-shirt
Wine jumper
Wine V-neck cardigan with pinafore only
Wine/Navy socks or tights
Navy school shorts

The school tracksuit may be worn on PE days: PE days will be confirmed in September 2023

There may be other days when children will be allowed to wear tracksuits and parents will be notified of these days by the Class Teacher or School Principal in advance.

We are asking you to work with us to enhance the very positive co-operation between the parent body and the school to establish pupil unity.

Absent Notes

Absent notes in accordance with legal requirements, children should attend school regularly. Under section 21 of the Education Welfare Act 2000, the Board of Management is required to submit an Annual Attendance Record with details of students who have been absent for 20 days or more. A note of explanation is required when a child is absent. Please submit an absent note for all full day absences. If for any reason, your child is collected early or brought to school later than normal please send an email to ballyhackschool@gmail.com. We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

Morning Drop-Off 2023/24

We are going to continue morning supervision from 9:15am. This proved a success and has stopped congestion of traffic on the road outside the school in the mornings.

Board of Management Meetings

The final Board of Management meeting took place on May 10th 2023. The Board of Management will meet again in September before a new Board forms in October 2023.

Cyril Squirrel Savings Scheme

Friday 16th June is the final day of the savings scheme. We will send home all the cards with the students today. The Cyril Squirrel Savings Scheme will begin again in September 2023.

Choir

Our choir has been a great success over the past year. We would like to thank Ms. Connick for all her hard work on this lovely project.

Sports:

Rackard League Rounders: Well done to the boys and girls on taking part in the Rackard League Rounders Competition. It was a much enjoyed experience and hope to enter this competition again next year.

GAA Coaches: The Wexford GAA hurling and camogie coaches will finish up today for our last session before the summer holidays.

Athletics: We entered the school in the South Wexford Primary School Athletics Competition. This took place on Tuesday 16th May at Enniscorthy Athletics Track. It was a great day out with lots of students competing in different events.

Rugby Coaches: The New Ross Rugby Club Coaches visited our school for four training sessions from 1st-6th class. A great sporting experience for all students.

Active Schools Week: This year Active School's Week took place on Monday 24th - 28th April. All students had the opportunity to take part in a range of sports skills throughout the week.

Sports Day: Our annual Sports Day will take place next Wednesday 21st June. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

School Tours

The school tours that took on;

Wednesday 7th June: 4th, 5th and 6th Class at the Dunmore East Adventure Centre.

Thursday 15th June: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class at Activate in Waterford

Thursday 15th June: Junior and Senior Infants at Activate in Waterford

A wonderful time was had by all students and staff

Passage East Trip

We had a lovely visit yet again to Passage East this year. Thank you to Jim Foley for providing the transportation on the Car Ferry.

School Mural:

Well done to Ms. Doyle's room on painting a beautiful mural in the veranda. This mural reflects the community of Ballyhack and the South Wexford area.

Parents Association

The Parents Association are running a summer raffle. This will take place after the sports day. Thank you to everyone for supporting this causes and to the Parents Association for all the fundraising this year.

School Website

Our website is currently being updated. Check it out on <http://www.ballyhacknationalschool.ie/>

We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe Summer Holiday