

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

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:

Ms. Doyle's Room: Wednesday and Friday

Ms. McPhillip's Room: Wednesday and Friday

Ms. Cooley's Room: Wednesday and Friday

All students in Ms. Cooley's room are permitted to wear their school tracksuit on any of the five school days.

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 by email or written. 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

Morning drop-off from 9:15am will continue and staff will be outside to supervise from that time. Please ensure your child uses the footpath provided when exiting your car.

Cyril Squirrel Savings Scheme

The Cyril Squirrel Savings Scheme is underway every Friday in school and will continue next term. The cost of a stamp is €1, 20 stamps fill a book and the children can cash this book or lodge it in their post office account.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have been completed for this school year. Well done to all the boys and girls for working on their techniques and thank you to the parents for all the positive support with this activity.

Yoga/Mindfulness Lessons

Our Yoga classes are finished for this school year. The children enjoyed it once again and we hope to continue this activity in the next school year.

Féile Fichille Chess Tournament

Well done to the boys and girls who represented the school at the Féile Fichille Chess Tournament on Tuesday 5th March in the CBS primary school in Wexford. We hope this is a school activity we can continue to take part in every year.

Music Teacher in Residence

Ms. McPhillip's 1st, 2nd and 3rd class were been visited by a music teacher this half term. This activity was enjoyed by all students and a wonderful opportunity to look at different aspects of music.

Confirmation

Well done to the boys and girls who prepared and made their Confirmation on Friday 15th March in St James Church. It was a lovely day and we would like to congratulate all of our students.

Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who came the school's annual Open Evening on Thursday 21st March 2024 from 7-8pm.

GAA Coaches

The Wexford GAA coaches will visit the school once again in the summer term to work on Camogie and Hurling skills.

Rounders Tournament

We have entered our 5th and 6th class once again into a rounders tournament for the summer term. This activity was enjoyed immensely by all the students last year and we felt it was fitting to enter a mixed team once again. Fixtures of matches will be confirmed next term.

School Athletics

We hope to send a range of students from 1st-6th class to the Primary Schools athletics in May at the Enniscorthy Athletics Track. We hope to have a day confirmed in the coming weeks.

Funky Kids

In the summer term we are trialing Funky Kids. This is an activity that was done quite a few years ago in our school. Funky Kids is where instructors come into the school and do drama, art and music with each classroom once a week. At the end of the term we hope to have a concert to show all parents what all the students done in this new activity. I have spoke to a range of schools about Funky Kids and have got positive feedback from principals. More details of this activity will be given at the beginning of the summer term.

First Confession for Communion Class

The First Confession for the Communion Class will take place on Tuesday 16th April at 7pm in St James Church.

Active Schools Week

Active Schools Week will take place in May time, once we get a week with fine weather.

Communion Date

The First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 18th May at 2pm in St James Church.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place in June. We will confirm a date closer to the time that we can be sure of good weather.

'Grandpeoples' Day

'Grandpeoples' Day will take place in May. We will be inviting all members of the community and their families to this lovely and enjoyable event.

Passage East Trip

Once we have some warm weather in June we hope to take the whole school to Passage East to the playground and beach.

School Tour Dates

Junior and Senior Infants: Wednesday 5th June 2024

1st-3rd Class: Friday 31st May 2024

4th- 6th Class: Monday 10th June 2024

Easter Eggs

Thank you to the Parents Association who provided Easter Eggs for all the students.



We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe Easter Break