

# *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: Thursday 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 through Aladdin Connect. If for any reason, your child is collected early or brought to school later than normal please send an email to [ballyhackschool@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhackschool@gmail.com). We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

### **Aladdin Connect**

We are now fully up and running on Aladdin Connect. We would appreciate if you have not downloaded this application please do so immediately. Aladdin Connect will be used for the following; Parent Teacher Meetings, Announcements, Permission Slips, Attendance and many more features as we use the application more and more. We appreciate your patience in setting up this application.

### **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.

### **Super Saver Sam**

The New Ross Credit Union will continue to come out every second Tuesday for 'Saver Sam.' We will remind you on class dojo when the Credit Union will be calling out.

### **Swimming**

All students from 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class have completed their 8 weeks lessons in the Apex swimming pool. We are delighted to say that the Apex staff have commended the students in our school on their excellent behaviour throughout the 8 weeks.

### **Yoga/Mindfulness Lessons**

We were visited by a Yoga teacher again after the Christmas holidays for 8 weeks for all students in Junior and Senior Infants and 1<sup>st</sup> class.

### **Library Visit**

The students from Junior and Senior Infants visited the New Ross Library on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March for a story reading and some lego making.

### **First Communion**

First Communion will take place in St James Church, Ramsgrange, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. We would like to wish the communion class and their families all the best for the day.

### **World Book Day**

We were delighted to see all the students in the book inspired costumes on World Book Day. The students enjoyed some buddy and paired reading with some of their peers, this is something we wish to carry on for the remainder of the school year.

### **Féile Fichille Chess Tournament**

Well done to the students who represented the school in the Fichille Chess Tournament in the CBS Primary School in Wexford on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Rounders Tournament**

We are delighted that we are once again entered in the Rackard League Rounders Tournament this year. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class students will have the opportunity to represent the school at these games.

### **Fire Station Visit**

The Junior and Senior Infants will be visiting the Fire Station in New Ross on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. This will tie in with their Aistear theme.

### **Soccer Tournament**

We are delighted to announce that the boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will have an opportunity to take part in 5 a side soccer tournaments in April. Location and dates will be confirmed.

### **Rackard League Athletics**

The Rackard League athletics will take place in Enniscorthy track on \_\_\_\_\_ this year. We will be running off the students to qualify in this event. All students from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class will have the opportunity to qualify for the athletics competition.

### **Passage East Visit**

We will again be going to visit the Passage East playground as we do every June. We will send out permission for this in May and notify you closer to the time when we are going.

### **School Tours**

The school tour venues and prices will be given after Easter holidays. The dates for the school tours are as follows;

Classes	Dates
Ms Cooley's Room	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Ms McPhillip's Room	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Ms Doyle's Room	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025

We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe Easter holiday.

