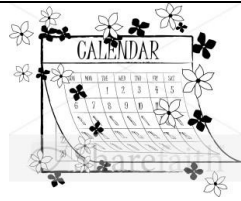




Saint Brigid's School Newsletter January 2019

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Dates for your Diary

- Friday 25th of January:**
School closed for staff training.
- Friday, 1st of February:** St.
Brigid's Day Mass 12 noon.

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all pupils and parents. We'd like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful new year. We would like to thank most sincerely the Parents Association for the fantastic work in organising our Christmas fundraiser and also our very special visitor! We would also like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Carol Service and those who donated to the Ken Smollen food appeal.

St. Brigid's Day Crosses

As you know the making of St. Brigid's crosses has been a tradition in our school for many years. The St. Brigid's cross is an important part of our school crest. We will be making and organising the sale of crosses again this year. We will be collecting rushes from Wednesday the 16th of January to make Saint Brigid's Day crosses.

Saint Brigid's Day Mass.

Our annual Saint Brigid's Day Mass will take place at the school on Friday February the 1st of February at 12 noon. Blessed Saint Brigid's Day crosses made by the children will be on sale on the day. All are most welcome to attend and there will be a cup of tea after the mass for all.

Sixth Class Retreat.

Sixth Class will attend a retreat in Curryhills on Thursday the 7th of February to help prepare them for their Confirmation.

Swimming.

As part of our PE curriculum, swimming lessons will begin in February for pupils in 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class. The lessons will run for six weeks. Please ensure permission slips and money are returned to the class teacher as soon as possible so numbers can be confirmed.

Catholic Schools Week.

This year, Catholic Schools Week takes place from **27th January to 3rd February** with the theme 'Celebrating the work of our Local Schools'. Children will be celebrating with a number of activities during the week, including celebrating Grandparents' Day.

Green Schools

In November the Green Schools Committee put together a proposal to take part in the 3rd National Green-Schools Marine Environment Conference in Salthill in Galway. We were delighted that we were chosen and the children are busy researching and creating their project on 'microplastics'. The conference will take place on Tuesday the 29th of January for the children in 4th, 5th and 6th classes.

Flu

Following the recent flu outbreak the HSE have issued guidelines to try to stop the spread of this debilitating and highly contagious strain of the flu. As per the HSE guidelines please do not send any child in to the school if they are displaying flu symptoms. Thank you for your co-operation and stay healthy.



From all the staff at St Brigid's