



Saint Brigid's School Newsletter January 2020

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Dates for your Diary

-Friday, 31st of January: St. Brigid's Day Mass 12pm.

-Wednesday, 5th of February: School closes at 12pm for staff training in First Aid.

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.

Saint Brigid's Day Mass

Our annual Saint Brigid's Day Mass will take place at the school on Friday the 31st of January 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 13th of February to help prepare them for their Confirmation.

Rushes

We will be collecting rushes from Wednesday the 15th of January to make Saint Brigid's Day crosses. We would be very grateful to parents who can drop in bunches of rushes.

Catholic Schools Week.

This year, Catholic Schools Week takes place from **26th January to 2nd February** with the theme 'Living in Harmony with God's Creation'. Children will be celebrating with a number of activities during the week, including celebrating Grandparents' Day.

Immunisation for Junior Infants

The HSE will be carrying out immunisation for Junior Infants on Tuesday, the 14th of January 2020. Please ensure you are contactable on the day. No need for parents to be present.

PE Curriculum/Active Schools

As part of our PE curriculum the children will be taking part in the following activities in the coming months.

-Gymnastics lessons will begin for all classes on Thursday the 9th of January and will continue every Thursday for 6 weeks. The cost of these lessons is €12 per child. Please send money into your child's class teacher in a sealed envelope with their name written on it.

-Hurling training will begin for all classes on Friday the 24th of January for four weeks. Please ensure your child brings a spare pair of socks and tracksuit bottoms to school for training.

-Swimming lessons will begin on Tuesday the 18th of February for pupils in 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class. The lessons will run every Tuesday for six weeks. Permission slips and details of payment required have been sent out.

School Uniform

Ensure that your child wears a full and correct uniform to school every day. Ensure your child has the school crest displayed on their jumper.

School crests are available in the office at a cost of €3. If you wish to purchase a crest, please send money and a note stating the number of crests required in to your child's class teacher and we will send them home.

Twitter

Reminder to keep checking our website for a link to our new Twitter page to keep up-to-date on all school activities.

School Assembly

Well done to all our pupils who received well done and kindness awards for great lining up, working hard, following teacher instructions, playing fair and nice in our school and following in the footsteps of Jesus by showing kindness,

compassion, respect, saying sorry and offering forgiveness.

Stay Safe Programme

The Stay Safe Programme will begin this month in all classes. The Stay Safe Programme is a personal safety skills programme for primary schools. Its overall objective is to prevent child abuse, bullying and other forms of victimisation. The programme develops children's ability to recognise, resist and report risk situations or abusive encounters.

Please see www.staysafe.ie for further information.

Influenza (flu)

Influenza (flu) information for parents from the HSE can be found at the following

link [https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/az/f/flu-influenza-,-seasonal/Flu - symptoms and diagnosis](https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/az/f/flu-influenza-,-seasonal/Flu-symptoms-and-diagnosis)

Please make yourself fully familiar with their contents. As per HSE advice please do not send any child to school with flu symptoms. As a school we are fully compliant with HSE "Guidelines for Schools on the Management of Infectious Diseases". As a school we are also fully compliant with the "Seasonal Influenza Advice for Schools" issued by the HSE.