



## Saint Brigid's School Newsletter June 2018



### Dates for your Diary

- Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day
- Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June** - Hook a Duck
- Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June** - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class school tour
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class school tour.
- Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Summer Holidays at 12 noon.

### Academic Year 2018-2019

As you are aware the number of pupils attending our school has fallen considerably in the last three years. This year 19 pupils are leaving 6<sup>th</sup> class. This is the largest class in our school in living memory.

Based on our current enrolment, we do not meet the criteria for 4 class teachers. As a result of this we will be losing a class teacher this year. This is a decision we have appealed with the Department of Education but unfortunately we were unsuccessful. The class splits for the next school year will be as follows:

- Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1<sup>st</sup> class.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class.
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class.

Ms. Ryan will take a career break for the next school year. Ms. Conneally will continue her career break for the next school year. We wish them both the very best of luck in their respective endeavours.

Ms. Lynch will continue as Acting Principal and Ms. McCabe will continue as Acting Deputy Principal

### Infant Induction Day

An induction day will take place for incoming junior infants on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June at 11:45am.

### Primary Science and Maths

We recently received the good news that we were successful in our application for the Primary Science and Maths Award. Well done to all the pupils and teachers involved in co-ordinating the application.

### Gaelic Football

Well done to all the boys and girls who were part of the school's football teams this year. The senior team successfully reached the semi-final of their division and were excellent

representatives of our school. They showed great dedication and determination and should be very proud of this achievement.

### **Hook a Duck.**

The annual Hook a Duck Day will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 1-5pm. Our sincere thanks to all those who are involved in organising or helping out on the day. Please support this fun family day out.

### **Parent's Association**

The Parent's Association will hold a church gate collection over the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June in Derrinturn Church. Volunteers are required and your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parent's Association if you are available.

We are extremely grateful to the Parent's Association. Each member gives freely of their time and energy. Events are organised for the children at school and funds are raised to enhance the learning experiences of the children. This year the Parent's Association helped fund the cost of buses and the different experts which came to visit the school.

### **Graduation Mass**

The Graduation Mass for our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will take place on

Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June at 12pm. All are welcome.

### **School Tours.**

Junior & senior infants, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class will go to Causey Farm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of June at a cost of €18.

3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class will go to Lilliput Adventure Centre on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of June at a cost of €30. The closing date for payment of school tours is Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **Book Rental**

The children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class have already received a note home regarding the book rental scheme. If your child wishes to take part in this scheme the closing date for payment is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **Sports Day.**

Our Annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. (weather permitting). Details of team colours/t-shirt colour will be distributed to each family shortly. All are welcome to join in the fun at 11am

### **Field trip.**

Nuala Madigan will visit our school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June All children will get the opportunity to complete hands on activities in

the bog and they will learn about the flora and fauna of the habitat. Please ensure the children wear suitable footwear.

### **Super Troopers**

This month each child in the school will be taking part in Laya Healthcare's 'Super Troopers' (starting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June). Each child will receive a **Super Troopers Activity Journal** which includes short 10 to 15 minute activities to do each night as part of their homework. Children will also receive a **Family Activity Wall Chart** so that the whole family can get involved and record their progress. Additional information and activities relating to physical activity, nutrition and wellbeing can be found on [www.supertroopers.ie](http://www.supertroopers.ie)

### **Active Week.**

Active Week will take place from the 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June. Ensure children wear their school tracksuit for active week. We are looking forward to an action packed week for all.

### **Mountlucas Wind Farm**

The children from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will visit Mountlucas Wind Farm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June for an interactive tour.

### **Reminder**

On hot days, children may wear plain navy shorts/skirts and their

school t-shirt to school as other colours/jerseys are not permitted. Please ensure your child wears sun cream.

### **End of Year Reports**

School reports will be sent home with the oldest child in each family on the 14<sup>th</sup> June. You will also receive a copy of the school calendar for next year and your child's booklist/stationery list.

### **Happy Holidays.**

Our school will close at 12 noon on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of June for the summer holidays. We would like to take this opportunity to offer our thanks to each and every one of you. To all the children we extend our thanks for the enthusiasm and effort you show every day. You have worked hard throughout the year. We hope the summer brings time for you to relax, have fun and recharge for a new school year. We thank our staff members, both in classrooms and behind the scenes. We appreciate the professionalism and dedication they demonstrate every day. When we return in September there will be plenty of challenges and we look forward with great excitement. We would like to wish 6<sup>th</sup> class every success next year and throughout secondary school. Have a wonderful summer!

