



# *Scoil an Tamhnaigh*

*Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis,  
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10<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention in this Easter School Newsletter.

## **School Attendance update**

Term 2 of the 2024-25 school year will conclude at the end of this week. The daily attendance rate in our school continues to be very high at 95% (this time last year the attendance rate was 93.4%). Naturally, some pupils will have a higher absence rate if they suffer an illness during the course of the year. A reminder that schools are obligated and required to notify Tusla if any pupil misses over 20 days during the year, regardless of the reason(s). Therefore, it is important that the reasons for absences are accurately recorded daily on our school Rolla. We thank you for providing this information via a note or via email to the class teacher for every absence.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Congratulations to our pupils who made their Confirmation last Saturday. The children were a credit to the school and their families. Thanks very much to Claire Cullinan for all her hard work with the preparations for the pupil's Confirmation day. Thanks to all the staff who helped out with the sacrament and thanks to the parents who donated very nice treats for the Confirmation breakfast.

## **National Spring Clean-up**

On Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> all classes in the school took part in a clean-up of our community. We registered with an Taisce and received supplies. Pupils and staff took an area each to collect litter and waste around the school environment and community.

Ms. Browne's class cleaned up all around our school grounds, Ms. Garrahy's class cleaned up in the Beech Grove Estate, Mr. Eustace's class and Ms. Cullinan's class cleaned all back along Toonagh road from the school to the cross. The children really enjoyed taking part in this clean-up and were delighted to help our local community. You can see photos on our Instagram page.

## **School Planning half day closure**

The school will close on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> @12.30 pm for a Staff meeting to facilitate staff planning in the curricular areas that we are currently reviewing and also to update our Anti-Bullying policy in line with the new guidelines for primary schools. Buses will operate as normal at this time.

## **School Swimming Programme**

Swimming will take place in term 3 for the children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class. This will be for 6 weeks. We hope that the children will get great benefit from taking part in this important life skill which is part of our PE programme. Swimming starts back on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. An epayment request has been sent out to cover the cost of swimming lessons and the bus. We ask that this be paid before the start date of the lessons, thank you.

## **Gymnastics with Magda**

All children will be participating in gymnastics next term. Magda Konezyk (gymnastics coach) will visit the school each Tuesday for four weeks starting Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> and we hope the children will get great benefit and enjoyment from these gymnastics' lessons. The Parents' Association are sponsoring the cost of these lessons.

## **Enrolment for 2025/26 and Future Years**

If you know of a parent with a child of a school going age in the next year or two, we would appreciate if you would inform prospective parents about Toonagh NS. We will be happy to meet with any parent who wishes to see our school and facilities. Parents can email Noelette to receive an Application Form for Enrolment.

### **School Sport**

- **Hurling and Camogie Training after Easter:** Starting Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> Camogie training will be on in Ruan GAA Field and from Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> Hurling training will be on in Ruan GAA Field from 3.00-4.00. Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> that would like to attend will leave school at 2.45. Parents are to make arrangements to bring the children to Ruan. Our hurling and camogie teams will also be starting their competitions after Easter. Thanks to Ms. Cullinan, Ms. Garrahy and Mr. Eustace who are coaching these teams after school.

### **Parents Association News**

- **Gymnastics Lessons:** Thanks to the Parents Association for funding the cost of the gymnastics lessons in Term 3.

### **Important Dates coming up**

- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of April:** School closes at 12.30 for Easter Holidays.
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of April:** School reopens after Easter.
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May:** Swimming lessons start for next 6 Fridays (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>).
- **Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>:** School closed for May Bank Holiday.
- **Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>:** School closes @12.30 for staff planning meeting.
- **Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Communion @11 am in Dysart Church.
- **Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Standardised Testing English.
- **Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>:** Standardised Testing Maths.

*I wish you all a very happy Easter and thanks very much for your great support this term.*

*Gearóid Roughan*

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