



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

*Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis,
Co. Clare*

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Dear Parent(s),

Happy New Year to you all. There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention as we begin the second term of the school year.

Enrolment to Junior Infants 2023/24

If you know of a parent with a child who would like a place in our school in Junior Infants September 2023 or in another class, they can email Noelette to receive an Application Form for Enrolment. Application forms can also be downloaded on our website toonaghns.com. The closing date for enrolment is 24th of February 2023. Thank you.

R.S.E Lessons

Toonagh NS has a responsibility to cover the Relationships and Sexuality Education (R.S.E.) section of the Social, Personal and Health Education (S.P.H.E.) strand of the Curriculum. This content will be taught this term in all classes from Junior Infants to 6th Class. If have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher. For more information see <https://pdst.ie/primary/health-wellbeing/RSE>

Safety at morning drop off and evening collection

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a number of accident near misses when children are leaving/walking off the footpath down from the school. When children walk off the footpath and then around their parent's car, the oncoming traffic on Toonagh Road can only see the pupil at the last second.

We would ask that children enter and leave their parent's car from the footpath side only. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. The continued safety of all our children is of utmost importance.

Pupil Attendance

Since we returned on August 30th, the average attendance has been 94.3%. It is very important to let the school know if your child is absent and the reason why. It is school policy that reasons must be given in writing/email to the class teacher for school records.

Healthy Lunches

Our school continues to promote healthy eating with a Healthy Lunch Policy in the school. Sweets, chocolate bars, crisps and fizzy drinks are not permitted. One small treat is permitted on Friday. We look forward to embracing a healthy school. Many thanks for your continued co-operation.

PM Reading Books missing

We are missing a number of our PM levelled readers. These books have 'PM' on the front cover and have levels on the back cover. They may have a Toonagh NS Sticker/Stamp on them also. These books are very important for our Literacy Lift Off Programmes in the younger classes and are very expensive to replace. Children from Juniors to 4th class have used these books if you would please search have any of these books been left at home by mistake. If any of these books have been left at home by mistake could you please return them to the class teacher this week. Thank you.

Communicating with the School

Please contact the school if you have changed your mobile number or email address and if you are not receiving texts/emails.

Please note our secretary (Noelette) works on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and you can contact the school on these days. Outside of these days we try to check the school voicemail end of the school day. Also outside of these times the phone will rarely be answered as all staff are in class. School contact details are 065-6820143 or via email at toonaghschool@gmail.com

Grandparents Day Mass

Catholic Schools Week will take place soon. On Friday February 3rd we are inviting Grandparents to visit at 11.30am. Fr. Pat will celebrate mass at 11.30am with some music and song from the children. The mass will be followed by a game of bingo with the children and Grandparents. There will also be some refreshments served after mass for our visitors. Looking forward to seeing our Grandparents that can make it on this day.

School Planning half day closure

The school will close on Wednesday February 1st @12.30 pm for a half day for a Staff meeting to facilitate staff planning. Buses will operate as normal at this time.

School Sport

- **Hurling & Camogie Wall Ball League:** This league is up and running for boys and girls from 3rd – 6th. The league takes place at sos and lunch times in the excellent Indoor Astro Turf facility and it is helping the boys and girls to develop their skills.
- **Handball:** Well done to Fionn Casey, Adam Casey, Cathal Brohan, Ava McInerney, Amelia McInerney and Orla Flanagan who are representing our school in Clare Primary School Handball competition this week. Many of the boys and girls are taking part in handball with Toonagh Handball Club and well done to the club coaches for the work they are putting in.

Parents Association News:

- **Clothes Collection:** The first clothes collection of 2023 will be held on Thursday February 2nd. Contributions of any unwanted clothes, belts, shoes, towels, curtains and bags would be greatly appreciated. Drop off times are Morning: 9a.m. to 10a.m., Afternoon: 1.45p.m. to 3p.m. Evening: 6.30p.m. to 7.30p.m. Please spread the word and thanks for your support.
- **Grandparents Mass Refreshments:** The Parents Association will provide some refreshments for our grandparents and visitors after mass on February 3rd.

Important Dates coming up:

- **Wednesday February 1st:** School Closes @12.30pm for staff planning meeting.
- **Thursday February 2nd:** Clothes Collection Day
- **Friday February 3rd:** Grandparents mass @11.30am in Toonagh Hall.
- **Monday February 6th:** February Public Holiday.
- **Monday February 13th – Friday February 17th:** School closed for the week, February midterm break.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful 2023.

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