



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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22nd of May 2024

Dear Parent(s),

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

School Calendar 2024/25

Please see our school calendar for 2024/25 attached to this newsletter. School will reopen on Wednesday August 28th after the summer holidays.

Free School Book Scheme school year 2024/25

All school books and copybooks your child needs, will be provided free of charge for every pupil when they return to School on August 28th. We are currently organising our book lists. There is a lot of work involved in this and we will have a further update in our June newsletter.

Standardised Testing

Standardised Testing is taking place this week in English and next week in Maths. Your child's results in these tests will be communicated through end of year report cards which will be posted to you.

Standardised tests are only one method used by the Department of Education and teachers to assess your child. The class teacher uses a broad range of assessment tools to evaluate learning and celebrate the achievements of your children. When evaluating and monitoring progress and attainment we do not focus solely on a test score.

School Tours

The teachers and Noelette have organised very nice school tours for each class.

Juniors and Seniors: Moher Hill Pet Farm, Wednesday May 29th.

1st and 2nd: Craggaunowen and Shannon Leisure Complex, Thursday June 6th.

3rd and 4th: Derg Isle Adventure Centre, Wednesday June 19th.

5th and 6th: Derg Isle Adventure Centre, Wednesday June 19th.

Thanks very much to the Parents Association who are covering the cost of the buses to the tours and this has helped greatly to reduce the cost of the school tours. You will have received an epayment request this week for the school tour and more details about each tour will issue in due course for the class teacher.

Summer Uniform

The children can wear shorts with their uniform if they wish to.

Summer Uniform: Children can wear plain navy shorts/or Clare coloured shorts with their uniform and hopefully the nice weather continues. Also during the hot weather please apply sunscreen before the children come to school. They may also bring their own sunscreen to school and are encouraged to bring a sun hat and water.

Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion

Congratulations to our boys and girls who made their Holy Communion and Confirmation recently. The children were a credit to the school and their families. We were very proud of them on how reverently they received the sacraments. Our school choir and musicians really added to the ceremony. Thanks to Ms. Barry and Ms. Griffin for their work in preparing our choir and musicians.

Thanks so much to the staff in the school who helped in any way with these ceremonies. A lot of work went into the preparation for the children's special day and well done to the class teachers Ms. Garrahy and Mr. Kelly for all their hard work and dedication with the preparations.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Friday 14th of June. Parents are invited to attend at 1.00pm. School will finish at 2.00pm on this day for all children. Our Parents Association will provide fruit to the children on this day. Thanks to our Parents Association for providing this. There will be a further update closer to the date.

Open Day and Enrolment

Parents who are considering sending their child to Toonagh N.S are invited to visit our school and see our modern facilities from 11.30am – 12.30pm on Friday May 31st. Also this will give parents an opportunity to have a look around the school and ask any questions they may have. If you know of any parents interested in a school place in Toonagh you can let them know. Thank you

School Garden

This term the children are planting and enjoying the school garden. The school garden gives the children practical gardening skills and helps promote life-long healthy eating habits. Thanks to Maelisa, our caretaker Ian and Mr. Eustace for their work in developing our garden and having it ready for the summer term.

Summer Stars Reading Programme

Schools have been asked to let parents know about Clare County Library's Children Summer Stars Reading Programme. This programme is a great initiative aiming to promote reading amongst children over the summer holidays. Please see the attached letter from Clare County Library for more details.

School Sport

- **Hurling and Camogie:** Our hurling camogie teams have both qualified for the semi finals of their competitions and we wish them well with these matches.
- **Mini Sevens Camogie Final:** Well done to our camogie players in 5th and 6th class who reached the final of the Mini Sevens Camogie competition. They girls played great and in the final they were narrowly defeated by Clarecastle NS.
- Congratulations to Lily Considine (football) and Ava McNerney (camogie) who were chosen to play for the Clare Primary School Teams at half time in the Munster Championship matches.

Parents Association News

- **Clothes Collection:** The final clothes collection raised €350, many thanks for your support with the clothes collections this year.
- **Holy Communion and Confirmation Gatherings:** Thanks very much to all parents who donated something and helped out. Also it is great to see the tradition continuing of the 3rd class parents and 5th class parents helping to organise the Sacrament Refreshments.

Important Dates coming up

- **May 28th – 30th:** Standardised Testing Maths
- **Monday June 3rd:** School closed for June Bank Holiday closure.
- **Friday June 7th:** School closed, polling station for Local and European Elections.
- **Friday June 14th Sports Day:** Parents can attend from 1.00 pm.
- **Tuesday June 18th:** 6th Class Graduation at 3.15 pm in our GP Hall.

Best wishes for the rest of the month of May.

Gearóid Roughan

Príomhoide



**Starts
1 June**

Clare Libraries

Summer Reading Programme

Summer Stars runs from 1st June to the end of August. Children are invited to keep reading all Summer long by signing up to the programme at the library. Every child that joins will get a free activity book and other rewards for taking part.

Libraries will also have free workshops, clubs and story times to keep children active during the holidays.

Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book/e-book is regarded as having completed the programme

- ✓ Summer Stars will help your child maintain good reading levels while not at school.
- ✓ It's free to join the library and there are no penalties for late books or lost children's books!
- ✓ You can borrow lots of amazing books and get reading recommendations from the library.

Sign up at the library from 1 June

Find out what's happening at your library by
visiting www.clarelibraries.ie/events



We are **ALMOST READY**



We can't wait to show you our new library in Ennis.

Everyone is welcome, but if you want to borrow something or use a computer, you will need a library card.

To save time please make sure your library membership is up-to-date before you visit us.

You can do this by phone, email or by visiting any of our libraries in Clare.

- ✓ **It's free to join the library**
- ✓ **No fees for lost children's books**
- ✓ **No late fees for overdue items**



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Toonagh N.S. School Calendar 2024-2025.

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School starts: Wednesday 28 th August 2024.	School Closed March 17 th 2025. St. Patrick's Day.
Mid Term Break 28 th October - 1 st November 2024.	Easter Holidays. 14 th - 25 th April 2025.
Christmas Break: School Closes on the 20 th Dec. '24. Re-opens 6 th Jan '25.	School Closed May 1 st 2025. May Bank Holiday.
School Closed February 3 rd 2025. February Bank Holiday.	School Closed June 2 nd 2025. June Bank Holiday.
February Mid-term. 17 th - 21 st February 2025.	School Finishes on the Wednesday, 25 th June 2025.

