

4th October 2017,

Dear Parent(s),

Dates for the Diary:

- The school will close on Thursday, October 19th at 12:30p.m. to facilitate staff planning. Buses will operate as normal at this time.
- The school will close from October 30th to November 3rd (inclusive) for the Mid-term Break.
- Parent/teacher meetings this year are scheduled for 13th, 14th and 15th of November. The school will close at 2:45p.m. on these days and buses will operate at this time. You will be issued with an appointment time by your child's class teacher after the Mid-term Break.
- The school concert will be held on Thursday (7th December) at 7.p.m. Preparations are in full swing already.
- First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, April 14th 2018 at 11a.m. in Dysart Church.
- Confirmation will be held in Ruan Church on Thursday, 24th May 2018 at 11a.m.

Reminder Cash For Clobber:

The first clothes collection for this school year will be held tomorrow, **Thursday (October 5th)** by the Parents' Association. Contributions of any unwanted clothes, shoes and bags would be greatly appreciated. Drop off times to the hall are 9a.m. to 10a.m., 1.45p.m. to 3p.m. and 6.30p.m. to 7.30p.m. Thank you to our Parents' Association for organising this fundraising event. The Parents' Association Committee for this school year are; Lynda Clancy (Chairperson), Mairéad McInerney (Secretary) and Noreen Cummins (Treasurer).

Toonagh Tractor Run:

The Toonagh Tractor Run takes place on Sunday, October 15th at Toonagh Hall. It promises to be a fun-filled family day out. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided on the day. Please see the flyer distributed today.

We are very fortunate here in Toonagh N.S. to have such a wonderful facility on our doorstep. An indoor astro-turf has been installed which will benefit every child in the school. We also hold a number of events in the hall throughout the year, including the Christmas Concert. A major refurbishment has taken place recently and all proceeds from the day will go towards the cost of this work. I would encourage all families to support this event.

Active Schools Flag:

We are aiming towards achieving an Active School Flag this academic year. A number of initiatives have been introduced this year. These include:

- Each child receives 'active homework' each evening.
- We recently completed the Run Around Europe Challenge.
- Ann McMahon (GAA Coach) visits the school and coaches every class each Tuesday.
- 2nd-6th Class trained for and participated in the Kilnaboy Cross Country School event.
- Gaelic Football & Hurling/Camogie training takes place on a number of evenings during the week.

If you feel that you could contribute in some way towards this initiative, and would be willing, please send us an email on toonaghschool@gmail.com.

Website/Twitter:

Our new website & Twitter account have gone live! Both of these are used to celebrate pupil/school achievements and to allow parents and the wider school community to keep up to date with news from the school. There are a number of items yet to be added to the website. We hope to include some of our key policies, an Active Flag page and some useful information for parents.

You can access our website on www.toonaghns.com or follow us on Twitter @toonaghns. If you do not have a Twitter account, our feed is embedded on the homepage of our website. I hope you enjoy!

Fees Due:

Thank you to all who have submitted the payment for Speech & Drama and Pupil Insurance that was requested on September 13th. There are a small number of payments outstanding. I realise that payment(s) may be extremely difficult for some families. If this is the case, please contact me and I will give financial help in the strictest confidence.

Cross Country Running

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in the North Clare Cross-Country Championships in Kilnaboy last week. The real winners were all the boys and girls who competed to their best ability. Through their tremendous efforts our school came 5th overall.

The following children won medals:

Darragh Casey	(U8 Boys)
Kevin Noonan	(U8 Boys)
James Cullinan	(U10 Boys)
Barry Whelan	(Over 10 Boys)

In addition to the boys named above, the following pupils have qualified for the finals of the competition on November 15th in Lees Road;

Colm Whelan and Conor Coffey (Both in U8 Boys).

Cumann na mBunscol:

Both our girls and boys football teams are participating in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions. On Monday, our girls team participated in a blitz in Gurteen. They had great wins over Corofin N.S. and Doora N.S. before narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals following narrow defeats to Mol an Óige (Ennistymon) and Kilnaboy N.S. Well done girls - we are very proud of you!

Next week our boys will compete in a similar blitz with Mountshannon/Lakyle N.S. and Feakle N.S. Details will be confirmed by the end of the week.

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Training takes place for school teams on the following days:

- Football: Tuesdays - 3p.m. to 3:45p.m. (4th-6th, boys & girls)
- Camogie: Mondays - 3p.m. to 3:45p.m. (3rd-6th)
- Hurling: Thursdays - 3p.m. to 3:45p.m. (3rd-6th)

Craft Mornings Toonagh Hall:

A craft morning takes place every Wednesday morning at 11a.m. A variety of crafts take place including; Knitting, Crochet etc. Everyone is welcome to join the group, no experience is necessary. The group is currently knitting teddies for Beaumont Hospital (Dublin) for Christmas. If anyone would like a pattern or would like to donate wool or craft material, all items would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Pamela Vaughan 087-6224600.

Le gach dea-bheannacht,

Donnchadh Kelleher,
Príomhoide.

Please Sign, detach and return to the class teacher:

I acknowledge receipt of newsletter (4th of October, 2017).

Parent(s)/ Guardian : _____