

5th of March, 2018

Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items that I would like to bring to your attention in the March Newsletter:

Dates for Your Diary:

- St. Patrick's Bank Holiday - 19th of March
- Easter Closure - 23rd of March at 12 noon (re-open on April 9th)
- 14th of April - First Holy Communion at 11a.m. in Dysart Church

New Child Protection Procedures

In order to comply with the new Child Protection Procedures, the Board of Management has ratified a Child Safeguarding Statement. This replaces the Child Protection Policy, required under the previous guidelines. This will be published shortly on our school website. A hard copy of this document can be viewed by appointment in the school office.

Swimming:

Swimming is part of the P.E. curriculum and all children are expected to participate with the exception of extreme medical circumstances.

Swimming lessons have been organised for children in 3rd to 6th Class starting on Friday 20th April and finishing on Friday 1st June (there will be no swimming lesson on Friday 25th May).

It is important to remember that teachers have a supervisory role only, outside the pool and in the changing area. Students who are brought to the swimming pool should be able to dress/undress, shower and dry themselves. If this is not the case then parents will have to arrange help for their child. (We encourage children to come to school with swimwear already on under their clothes). The cost of swimming/bus is €29 per pupil for the term (6 lessons). An ePayment request will be emailed to you. Payment must be made prior to lessons commencing on the 20th of April.

Seussical, the Musical:

On Wednesday, March 21st, pupils from 1st to 3rd Classes will attend 'Seussical, the Musical' in the Lime Tree Theatre, Limerick. The cost per pupil is €6. The Board of Management will sponsor the cost of the bus. Please send this fee in an envelope, with your child's name clearly marked, to the child's teacher.

Tracksuit Days:

Tracksuit days are Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that pupils wear their regular uniform on all other days.

Allianz Pupil Insurance:

All pupils in the school are covered under the 'Allianz Pupil Personal Accident Insurance' for the 2017/2018 year. Your child is covered 24/7, 365 days a year under this scheme. Terms and conditions may be found online at Allianz.ie. Should you wish to make a claim, forms are available to download from Allianz <https://www.allianz.ie/schools/pupil-personal-accident/how-to-claim/> or can be obtained from the school office.

Fees Due:

Thank you to all who have submitted the payment for the final term of Speech & Drama that was requested on January 8th. 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.

Payment for children participating in this year's Speech and Drama Exams must sent in by Thursday morning. Payments will not be accepted after this time.

Active Homework Challenge:

We recently participated in the 'Active Homework Challenge' that was run by Clare Sports Partnership. All schools that completed the challenge were entered into a draw to win 6 hours of free activity and luckily, our school's name was pulled out in the draw! Thank you to all who participated and to Ms. Barry for co-ordinating this in the school.

Grandparents' Mass:

Grandparents' Mass was held in Toonagh Hall on Friday, February 23rd. Fr. O'Neill said mass on the day and the school choir provided music and song. A number of pupils and their grandparents, brought gifts to the altar and read prayers of the faithful. The Parents' Association kindly provided refreshments for our visitors on the day. Thank you to all who helped to make the event so memorable.

Marion Keane Basketball Tournament:

Our school basketball team participated in the Marion Keane Tournament recently. The squads had been busy training over the past number of months. Both boys and girls teams had great wins over Corofin and Lisdoonvarna. Despite fantastic performances, both teams were narrowly defeated by Inagh, who progress to the next stage of the competition. We are very proud of the effort of both our boys and girls teams. I wish to thank Ms. Barry for the work that she has done in preparing both our teams for the competition.

Yours sincerely,

Donnchadh Kelleher,
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Detach & return to the class teacher:

I acknowledge receipt of newsletter (5th of March, 2018)

Signed: _____