

9th of April, 2018,

Dear Parent(s),

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

Dates for Your Diary:

April 14 th	First Holy Communion at 11a.m. in Dysart Church
April 23 rd - 27 th	Active School Week
May 15 th - 17 th	English Standardised Testing (1 st - 6 th Class)
May 24 th	Confirmation at 11a.m. in Ruan Church
May 29 th - 31 st	Maths Standardised Testing (1 st - 6 th Class)
June 27 th	Summer Holidays

First Holy Communion

The children in 2nd Class in our school will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 14th at 11a.m. in Dysart Church. A meeting will be held by Parents' Association tomorrow night (Tuesday 10th April) at 8.30p.m. for parents in relation to the Communion Breakfast.

The 14 children that will receive the sacrament on Saturday are:

Eimhin Bane, Abby Cantillon, Conor Coffey, Jack Considine, Cillian Cummins, Julia Darmach, Lauren Gibbons, Jemma Guinnane, Sara Lavan, Eryn Moroney, Kevin Noonan, Chloe O'Gorman, Chloe O'Sullivan and Colm Whelan.

Many thanks to Ms. Barry for preparing the children for the sacrament.

Thanks also to Ms. Barry and Ms. Griffin for preparing the school choir and musicians. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish the boys and girls all the best on this very special day in their lives.

Donations of home-baking would be greatly appreciated for the Communion Breakfast. The hall will be open on Saturday morning from 10a.m. onwards.

Thank you in advance.

Active School's Week:

Our school will participate in the Active Schools Week 2018 which takes place from April 23rd to 27th April. Throughout the week the children will be participating in a variety of activities.

The Míle an Tamhnaigh will take place on the morning of Friday, April 27th.

This has been a tradition in the school for many years where all pupils in the

school, run/jog/walk a mile. All pupils are asked to bring €2, which is donated to the Toonagh Hall Committee as a gesture for their support in providing the school with such a fabulous facility.

Confirmation Retreat:

This Wednesday (April 11th), there will be a retreat for the boys and girls making their Confirmation. This will take place in Knock, Co. Mayo.

The arrangements are as follows:

Bus leaving Toonagh N.S. @ 8.15a.m.

Arriving back Toonagh N.S. @ 6:15p.m.

Children to bring packed lunch. Cost: €10

Uniforms (Tracksuits) to be worn.

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 was emailed to you on the 5th of March. Payment must be made prior to lessons commencing on the 20th of April.

Fundraising Event for Zara:

A group of parents are hosting a meeting in the school tomorrow night (Tuesday, April 10th) at 9p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to recruit volunteers to assist with the fundraising event for Zara Cronin (4th Class). If you are in a position to assist in any way in the organising of this fundraising event, please attend the meeting tomorrow night. For further information see www.fundraiserforzara.com.

Parents' Association:

The Parents' Association are holding the **final** clothes collection for this school year during May (date to be announced). Donations would be greatly appreciated i.e. Clothes, Curtains, Towels, Shoes, Boots, Belts and Bags

School Tours:

Teachers are putting in place the final arrangements for this year's school tours. Full details will be sent out to parents shortly.

Schools Training:

Training takes place for school teams (3rd-6th class pupils) on the following days:

Camogie: Mondays - 3p.m. to 3:45p.m.

Hurling: Thursdays - 3p.m. to 3:45p.m.

All training for the final term takes place in Ruan. Pupils participating in training may be collected from school at 2:45p.m.

Yours sincerely,

Donnchadh Kelleher,
Príomhoide

I acknowledge receipt of newsletter (9th of April, 2018)

Signed: _____