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## News Letter January 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to all our pupils, we wish our school community a safe and healthy 2020.

### Sports News

Athletics will continue every Wednesday, senior boys and girls sports will continue every Friday, and junior sports will continue every Thursday. Thanks to Mr. Martin, Mr. Carr, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Sweeney and Ms. Magee for organizing our sports each week. Congratulations to all who took part in recent sporting events, particularly the orienteering team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Leinster Championships.

### Hip Hop Classes

Our hip-hop class starts again this term with Aisling Toher. This is part of our Physical Education Curriculum and we encourage full participation from all our pupils.

### Old uniforms

Should you have any old uniforms in good condition we would be very grateful if you donated them to our school.

### Planning Days

Our school will close on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**, and **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** for JCT training.

### February Midterm Break

School will be closed on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** for the midterm break.

### Internet Safety

The Internet can be an extremely useful tool for young people, however instant messaging, chat rooms, emails and social networking sites can also bring trouble - from cyber bullying to more serious Internet dangers, including exposure to predators and online trolls. We ask parents to be very vigilant in checking your child's online activities.

**Remember that children under 13 years of age should not have Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat accounts, the legal age for these accounts is 13, and 16 for Whats App and Tiktok.**

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic Schools Week is from **26<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**. The theme this year is “Catholic Schools: Living in harmony with God’s Creation”. Thank you to Fr. Robert for celebrating our Christmas Mass here in our school with us in December.

### **Birthday invitations**

Due to GDPR laws we cannot distribute birthday invitations, or provide addresses or phone numbers of any pupils in our school. We thank you for your support and understanding regarding this matter.

### **Early collections**

If you wish to collect your child early from school we would ask that you notify the relevant bus driver to inform them of this early collection.

All early collections/visitors must first sign in at our school office, where your child will be brought to you. This is part of our Health and Safety Policy and our Data Protection Policy, which insures the safety of all our pupils.

### **Choir Competition**

Congratulations to our choir who sang in Scoil Naomh Eoin during December. It was the choir’s first performance in another school in Navan, thank you to Ms. Magee and Yvonne for organizing this rewarding event.

Our pupils will travel to Mullingar on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to take part in the Annual Choir Competition. We wish them the very best of luck

### **Dates for your calendar**

1. Catholic Schools Week 26<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February ‘20
2. February mid-term, school will close on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February
3. School will close on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March for staff In - service.
4. Choir Competition on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Mullingar
5. Green Day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.
6. School will close on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.
7. Easter holidays, school will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April @12.30pm and reopen on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 9am.
8. First Holy Communion Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May @11.30 in St. Oliver’s Church Navan
9. Confirmation Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May in St. Mary’s Church Navan

Kind regards,

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Jean Cunningham  
Principal

