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News Letter January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Sports News

Athletics will continue every Tuesday, and boys and girls sports will continue every Friday. Congratulations to all who took part in recent sporting events, particularly the orienteering team who came 1st in the Leinster Championships.

Hip Hop Classes

Our hip hop class starts again today and every Tuesday with Aisling Toher. Well done to all our pupils on completing their first term of dance classes with Aisling.

School Self Evaluation and Staff Training

School Self Evaluation.

In line with Circular 0016/2018; Re-engaging with the School Self – Evaluation process in primary schools, we have decided to implement lámh throughout our school.

In order to complete this phase, a survey needs to be conducted with both parents and staff. Please find the parents survey attached to this newsletter, please complete and return at your earliest convenience.

Training was complete by staff during our 1st term in Team teaching, Physical Education, Droichead, Incredible Years, JCT, First Aid and Fire Safety.

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 **Monday 25th February**, for training with Sarah Nally from the NCCA regarding LPL1 and LPL2 the new Junior Cert, and on **Friday 15th March** for Numicon training with Rose -Ann Basquel, and Challenging Behavior training with Mary Lyons.

Tivoli Theatre

Our senior pupils attended the Tivoli Theatre on Monday 17th December to watch a performance of 'Snow-white'. A great day was had by all.

February Midterm Break

School will be closed on **Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd** February for the midterm break.

Workshop for Internet Safety

Our senior pupils had a workshop conducted by Paula O Connor on Tuesday 11th December. The Internet can be an extremely useful tool for young people. But 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.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is from 27th January – 3rd February 2019. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: Families of Love". Thank you to Fr. Robert for celebrating Ms. Fahey's first anniversary mass with us in St. Oliver's Church on Tuesday 15th January.

Birthday invitations

Due to new 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 you will be accompanied to your child's classroom. This is part of our Health and Safety Policy and our Data Protection Policy, which insures the safety of all our pupils.

Choir Competition

Our pupils will travel to Mullingar on Tuesday 2nd April to take part in the Annual Choir Competition. We wish them the very best of luck

Dates for your calendar

1. February mid-term, school will close on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd February.
2. School will close on Monday 25th February and Friday 15th March for staff

in - service.

3. School will close on Monday and Tuesday 18th and 19th March.
4. Easter holidays, school will close on Friday 12th April @12.30pm and reopen on Monday 29th April at 9am.
5. Vaccinations on Tuesday 26th March '19 (for HPV, Tdap & Men C – Senior pupils).
6. July Provision for students with a diagnosis of Autism from Thursday 27th June – Wednesday 10th July '19.
7. Choir Competition Tuesday 2nd April '19.
8. Catholic Schools Week 27th January – 3rd February '19.

Kind regards,

Jean Cunningham
Principal