



News Letter October 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school will close from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November inclusively for our mid-term break. School will reopen on Monday 4th November at 9am.

Sport News

Congratulations to all our pupils who recently took part in 'Football for All' in Croke Park in September, 'The Geraldine Dolan Memorial Cross-Country Athletics' in October and to all who took part in 'The Leinster Orienteering Championships' on Wednesday 16th October.

Boys' and girls' senior sports continue every Friday, and athletics every Wednesday. Thanks to Mr. Carr, Mr. Martin, Ms. Magee, and Mr. O'Brien for organizing our sports each week.

Junior sports have started every Thursday, thanks to Mr. Sweeney for organising this for our junior pupils.

Swimming

Well done to all our pupils from class 2 – class 6 who are completing their swimming lessons. A huge thank you to the transition year students from St. Kieran's Community school in Kells, and to their Transition Year Co-ordinators for all their help.

Swimming starts for our senior pupils on Thursday 7th November for 6 weeks in Aura Navan Swimming pool.

JSCP and QQI

Congratulations to our 13 pupils who achieved their JCSP certificates on Wednesday 2nd October, well done on your fantastic achievement from all of us here in St. Ultan's.

Well done to our 18 pupils who received QQI results during our last term.

Hip Hop Classes

Hip Hop continues every Tuesday for all our pupils, this is part of our physical education curriculum and all pupils are encouraged to take part.

School Choir

Our school choir resumed in September, and we are delighted with all our new members. We would like to show appreciation to Yvonne and Ms. Magee for assisting with our choir.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on **Tuesday 22rd October**. Due to time restraints, each pupil will be designated 10 minutes. Should you need further discussion with your son/daughter's teacher, you are welcome to make an appointment with Sarah, our secretary, to visit the teacher at another time.

Collecting Children early

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. This is part of our Health and Safety Policy which insures the safety of all our pupils

Church Gate Collection

Thanks to our Parents Association who helped collect at our church gate collection on Sat/Sun 28th /29th September. We raised €2058 and are very grateful to all who contributed.

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.

'Dancing through the Decades' and 'Pumpkin Patch'

Our pupils from class 1- class 6 will attend Dancing through the Decades in St. Paul's Theatre in Kells on Thursday 24th and The Pumpkin Patch in Navan Adventure Centre on Friday 25th. This is part of our drama and S.P.H.E. curriculum and we are delighted to avail of this opportunity.

Healthy Eating

Like all schools we have a healthy eating policy. We encourage children to bring a sandwich/roll, fruit and a drink each day.

Sweets, chocolate, crisps, popcorn and fizzy drinks are not allowed. If your child has any of the above in their lunch box, they will be removed. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation on this matter. Milk is available in the school.

Sparkle Safely

Friday 25th will be fancy dress for Halloween. All pupils are welcome to dress up, as always, we love to see a home-made costume.

We would like all our pupils to stay safe during Halloween, never allow children to play with fireworks, if you are lighting fireworks please insure there is adult supervision.

School Meals

Hot school meals re commence on Monday 4th November. We are striving this year to stay very healthy, in keeping with our Healthy Eating Policy. Our hot meals menu will follow shortly. Please provide a small lunch for your child to eat during their first break.

Up - coming dates for your diary

Calendar for Term 1

1. School closed from 28th October – 1st November
2. School reopens on Monday 4th November
3. Thursday 24th October 'Dancing through the Decades' class 1-6
4. Friday 25th October 'Pumpkin Patch' class 1-6
5. Junior vaccinations Friday 29th November
6. Tuesday 3rd December 'Aladdin' in the Gaiety Theatre class 5,6 and senior school
7. Friday 6th December Annual Cake Sale 9.30 – 11.30am
8. Christmas Jumper Day Monday 16th December
9. Christmas Concert Tuesday 17th December @ 11:30am family members welcome.
10. Christmas Mass Wednesday 18th December @ 11:30am
11. Christmas Disco Thursday 19th December 12-2pm.
12. School closes on Friday 20th December @12.30pm for Christmas Holidays
13. School reopens on Monday 6th January 2019.

Kind regards,

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Jean Cunningham

Principal