



News Letter October 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school will close from Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November inclusively for our mid-term break. School will reopen on Monday 5th November at 9am.

New Deputy Principal

Congratulations to Mr. Martin our new Deputy Principal. Mr. Martin has worked in the school for the past 20 years, we wish him the very best in his new role.

Sport News

Congratulations to all our pupils who recently took part in 'Football for All' in Croke Park on Tuesday 18th September, 'The Geraldine Dolan Memorial Cross-Country Athletics' on Tuesday 9th October and to all who took part in 'The Leinster Orienteering Championships' on Wednesday 17th October.

Particular congratulations to the girls under 19 relay team who came 3rd in the cross-country athletics.

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

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 Coordinators for all their help.

Swimming starts for our senior pupils on Thursday 8th November for 6 weeks in Aura Navan Swimming pool.

JSCP and QQI

Congratulations to our 13 pupils who achieved their JCSP certificates on Wednesday 12th September, 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

We welcome Aisling Toher our Hip-Hop dance teacher to our school, Aisling will teach Hip-Hop every Tuesday to our pupils.

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, and to our Parents Association for funding our new keyboard.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on **Tuesday 23rd 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 29th /30th September. We raised €1989 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.

Droichead School

St. Ultan's School is now a Droichead School. The Droichead process is an integrated professional induction framework for newly qualified teachers. The main objection of the Droichead process is to support the professional learning of the NQTs during the induction phase, thus laying the foundations for subsequent professional growth and learning for the next phase of their career.

'How to Catch a Star'

Our pupils from class 1- class 4 will attend 'How to catch a Star' in the Solstice on Friday 19th October. This is part of their drama curriculum and we are delighted to avail of this opportunity.

Annual Cake Sale

Our annual cake sale will take place on Friday 30th November in the school hall. Our students are very busy preparing for this event and we are all looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

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 26th 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 5th November. We are striving this year to stay very healthy, in keeping with our Healthy Eating Policy. Our hot meals menu will follow very soon. 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 29th October – 2nd November
2. School reopens on Monday 5th November
3. Friday 19th October 'How to Catch a Star' in the Solstice
4. Friday 30th November Annual Cake Sale
5. Christmas Mass Tuesday 18th December @ 11:15am
6. Christmas Concert Wednesday 19th December @ 11:30am family members welcome.
7. Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 20th December
8. Christmas Disco Thursday 20th 12-2pm
9. School closes on Friday 21st December @12.30pm for Christmas Holidays
10. School reopens on Monday 7th January 2019.

Kind regards,

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Jean Cunningham

Principal