



Newsletter January 2019

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish all families every good wish for 2019. The children have now settled back into the new term and we hope it will be a happy and productive one for all.

Upgrade of Facilities:

During the past term we have installed enhanced outdoor play facilities with the play house, the mud kitchen, the swings and the playground markings. The cost of these improvements amounted to 4,000 euro and while this has depleted our resources it has really added to the children's enjoyment at break times. The Board hopes to organise a fundraising event during this term and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Parent Teacher Meetings.

Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place on Thursday 7th. February. All children will finish school at 2 O' clock and the meetings will start at 2.30pm and finish at 6.00 p.m We hope that families will use this opportunity to meet with your children's teacher/s so that we can help and support each other in providing the best for each child.

Music

Ms. Majella Killeen, our music teacher, will continue her programme of work with all classes from Junior Infants to 6th. The cost for these lessons increased last term and we need to pass on this increase starting this term. Consequently, the payment for the remainder of the year is: 1 child €30 / 2 children €50, 3 or more children €60. If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Ms. Killeen. If the cost of these lessons is causing difficulty with any family, please contact the school and we will endeavour to help as best we can.

SPHE Topics Term 2

As you are aware, the focus for our school improvement this year is social, personal and health education. This term our work will centre around the themes of ourselves and others and ourselves and the wider world. We will deal with the aspects of healthy relationships, ways of dealing with conflict at home and in school and with those whom we come in contact in our wider community. The area of change will be explored and strategies needed to adapt successfully to various changes. The children in the Junior room will follow a programme called Zippy's Friends. (Information for Parents in this class is attached.) The areas of safety in relation to electricity, water and on farms will also form part of our classwork at each level. Every class continues to be coached in the area of the benefits and practice of mindfulness.

Contact Details

Please inform the school of any change in contact details - phone / mobile numbers, emergency contacts etc. The school has set up a database of mobile numbers to "text-a-parent". This enables us to contact families by text at short notice if necessary, so it is important that parents inform the school of any change in mobile number.

Dates for your Diary:

Confirmation: Wednesday 13th. February in Kilcormac at 11.00am.

First Penance: Tuesday 2nd. April at 7.00pm Mount Bolus

First Communion: Sunday 19th. May in Mount Bolus at 11.30 a.m.

Kind regards,

