



April 2023 Newsletter

School Closures

9th May School will close @ 12 noon to facilitate staff CPD: Sean Fallon Anti-bullying campaign training.

6th June School Closure to facilitate PLC training and Curriculum Framework training for teachers

Sacraments

We wish all pupils making their Confirmation and First Holy Communion in the coming weeks a very enjoyable day with family and friends. Thank you to Mrs Duffy, Mrs Brennan, Ms Mc Dermott, Ann and Emma for their work in preparing the pupils for this special event.

Upcoming Dates

- 30th April** Confirmation St. Patrick's @ 3pm
- 9th May** 12 noon **CLOSE** for all pupils
- 9th May** Sean Fallon @ 7pm
- 11th May** Senior Tour to Crystal Maze, Kingscourt
- 13th May** First Holy Communion. St Patrick's @ 11am
- 22nd – 24th May** RSA Street Smart
- 6th June** Staff Planning Day
- 8th June** New Infant Open Afternoon
- 12th – 16th June** Active Schools Week
- 13th June** Breakfast Morning
- 14th June** School Sports Day
- 15th June** 1st & 2nd class tour Airbound, Dundalk
- 16th June** Infant tour Airbound, Dundalk
- 20th June** 6th Class Graduation night





TESTING

End of year testing will be taking place in all classrooms during the month of May so we ask that all pupils are in attendance unless ill.

Education Passports

The transition process for 6th class pupils has begun and we ask parents to complete *My Child's Profile* which will be sent home in the coming weeks.

In My Shoes

Student Council will be collecting old sports shoes to donate to Southern Africa this month. In My Shoes can give preloved shoes a second-life on very grateful township children's feet in Southern Africa.



We ask for sports shoes in good condition and that you tie shoes together in pairs. Children can add a note to send to the receiving child.

Please support

Free School Books

As you may be aware Minister Foley has announced funding to provide free schoolbooks, including workbooks and copybooks from September 2023. This scheme will eliminate the cost to parents of providing these resources. There may be some related classroom resources that are not covered by the scheme additional details on these items will be communicated to parents in due course.

DEIS Planning

Staff have been working all year to complete DEIS planning documents for 2023/24 to focus on six key areas for school improvement. Literacy, Numeracy, Transitions, Attendance, Retention and Partnerships with parents & others. Targets for all areas are in place for the coming year.

Health & Safety

We ask that ALL parents comply with the school rules regarding arrival/dismissal.

Arrival – Drop your child/ren safely to the school crossing.

Dismissal - Collect your child/ren from designated area

N.B. Pupils are not permitted to run towards car park. All pupils leaving the school on foot **MUST** exit on the footpath via the pedestrian gate.

Sean Fallon Anti-Bullying Campaign

Sean Fallon will be holding an information evening for parents on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm. We ask as many parents as possible to attend to support your children and the school in addressing bullying.

School Swimming

Swimming will begin this Friday for all pupils in 1st & 2nd class. Payment can be made in a lump sum or weekly via Aladdin Connect or directly to the class teacher.

School Reports

School end of year reports will issue via Aladdin Connect

Fresh Today

Please note our food supplier Fresh Today has launched a new summer menu available to all pupils from this week.

Congratulations to Daragh who represented us @ the half time game in Healey Park on Sunday



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