



NEWSLETTER – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

Diary Dates:

Bank Holiday/ St. Brigid's Day	Monday 5 th February 2024	SCHOOL CLOSED
Book Fair	February 7 th , 8 th , & 9 th February	Details to follow
Class Restructuring	Tuesday 13 th February 8:00pm PE Hall	<i>Specific to the Parents of Senior Infants & 4th Classes Only</i>
Mid-Term Break	Thursday 15 th February Friday 16 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED
Staff Meeting – Early Close	Monday 19 th February	EARLY CLOSURE Junior & Senior classes finish at 1:50 pm 1 st – 6 th classes finish at 2:00 pm
Referenda	Friday 8 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED
Rag Day in aid of Barnardos & Parents Council	Friday 15 th March	Details to follow
Bank Holiday/ St. Patrick's Day (Sun 17 th)	Monday 18 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED
Rag Day in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland	Friday 17 th May	Details to follow

In traditional terms, the 1st February, St. Brigid's Day, is the start of Spring. As the daylight lengthens and the natural world re-awakens we look forward to the new and positive opportunities to come. We hope that we all display kindness and compassion, traits that St. Brigid is known for, in our own lives.

Catholic Schools Week:

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week between the 21st to the 27th January. Grandparents were prayed for on Friday in appreciation of their special contribution to the lives of their grandchildren.

School Uniforms:

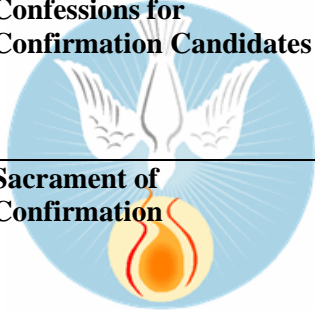

School uniforms or school tracksuits only should be worn in school on the appropriate days. Other clothes which are not part of the uniform should not be worn into school at all. The only exception is if an additional layer is needed over the appropriate uniform.

Attendance:


If your child is absent for any reason, please send a note on Aladdin/email to your child's teacher explaining the reason for the absence.

Sacramental Dates:

CONFIRMATION

 Confessions for Confirmation Candidates	Tuesday 20 th February 2024 ALL CLASSES 7:00pm to 8:00pm	Ms Shortall Mr Kelly Ms Daly	Sallins Parish Church ALL classes 7:00pm to 8:00
 Sacrament of Confirmation	Saturday 2 nd March 2024 ALL CLASSES 12:00 noon	Ms Shortall Mr Kelly Ms Daly	Ceremonies to take place at Our Lady & St. David's Church, Naas.

COMMUNION

First Confession	Tuesday 12 th March	Times to be advised	Sallins Parish Church
 Sacrament of Communion	Saturday 25 th May 2024	Ms McCormack/ 10:00am Ms Carey/ 11:30am Ms O'Mahony & Ms Molyneaux 1:00pm	Sallins Parish Church

CLASS RESTRUCTURING:

Senior infants and fourth class will be restructured at the end of this school year. There will be a meeting on **TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY AT 8:00 PM FOR PARENTS** of senior infants and fourth class children to explain how classes will be restructured.

House Colour Day:

On Tuesday 13th February we will hold our first colour day. Your child can wear their House Colour, red, yellow, blue or green clothes into school. Some fun events will be held on that day. The reason for our House System is to promote well-being & kindness in our school community.

Healthy Eating:

We encourage healthy eating in school in a bid to lay foundations for forming healthy choices going forward. A reminder that CRISPS and CHEWING GUM are not allowed in school.

Safety:



Some children and adults are walking through the carpark in the mornings and the afternoon. This is potentially very dangerous and is unsafe training for impressionable young children. *Please* use the pedestrian gate or the gate at reception to enter the school. *Please be aware that children are not supervised in school before 9:10am.*

NEPS Psychologist

I am delighted to say that a NEPS psychologist, Ms Shauna Gorey, has been appointed to our school. I will shortly get to meet her to discuss how she will support the pupils in the school.

Parents Council:

The Parents Council would like to thank everyone who helped out in the bag collection before Christmas. **A total of €114.00 was raised.**

Book Fair:

The Book Fair organised by the Parents Council is being held on the 7th, 8th and 9th February. A percentage of the overall takings will help to refresh the class libraries. So many thanks for your support In this endeavour.

Sallins GAA:

Sallins GAA are hosting a 5 week football skills programme for girls in 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes. The programme is suitable for all levels of players from beginners to regular players.

- Commencing: Monday 12th February
- Time: Monday 3:10pm to 4:10pm
- There is **NO cost** for this programme
- The girls can be accompanied on the walk from the school to the GAA pitch if required.
- If interested, please message Martin Smith on 087-7797747

Please note: As Sallins NS closes early on Monday 19th February, the session will be from 2.10pm to 3:10pm on that day only.

Internet Safety: Safer Internet Day is on 6th February 2024.



Dogs: **A reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.**

Weather: Should adverse weather conditions force the school to close, parents will be notified by text. This will be done as soon as possible but a decision may have to wait until early morning as the school will only close, if absolutely necessary, on the grounds of safety. Hopefully we are getting to the stage where this will not be a concern.

Allergies: A reminder to parents **not** to include eggs, sesame seeds, nuts or products containing nuts in your children's lunches. Several of our pupils have serious life-threatening allergies to these products. While it is not possible to have an entirely nut-free school as some items may contain traces of nuts, with everyone's co-operation we should have a safe environment for pupils. Parents are also reminded that some foods are a choking hazard e.g. grapes, please make sure such items are cut into bite size pieces.

Credit Union Quiz: This year we had two teams representing our school at the annual Credit Union quiz. Our under 11 and under 13 years teams took part in the quiz on Friday the 26th of January in Toughers Restaurant, Naas. The teams have been working hard to brush up on their general knowledge in preparation for the quiz. Both teams did very well on the night. All of the pupils should be really proud of themselves as they represented us so well on the night. Thank you also to Ms McKenna and Ms Gallagher for organising this.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal