

Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh sí

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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2018

Happy Easter - Enjoy the holidays!!!

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Enrolments to 1st class and other classes

St. Mary's CBS are currently taking enrolments for first class and other classes in the school. If you know of any family who may be interested in a place in our school please ask them to contact the school office to request an enrolment form or to arrange a meeting with the principal.

Child protection Guidelines

New Child Protection Guidelines and Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Children were published prior to Christmas. Every school has obliged to develop a 'Child Safeguarding Statement' and to conduct a child protection risk assessment prior to March 11th. After this deadline the 'Child Safeguarding Statement' will replace the schools existing 'Child Protection Policy'. Over the coming weeks, a copy of the 'Child Safeguarding Statement' will be made available on the school website. The Board of Management is obliged to categorise the identified possible child protection risks and to conduct a yearly review of same. All schools have been granted departmental permission to close for two half days so as to engage with this process and to provide training for all staff members. The school staff has now completed training. All concerns the school has in relation to child protection must be reported to the Social Work Department of TUSLA.

New Primary Language Curriculum

The Department of Education are bringing out a new Primary Language Curriculum. The school staff will be attending inservice training on Monday 28th May. As a result the school will be closed on that day.

Confirmation, Service of light

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all the boys from 6th class who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Cullinan in St. Mary's Church tomorrow. The boys have been a credit to the school and their families and we hope they will have a great day. Thanks to Mr. Leahy and Mrs. Traas who prepared them so well. Thanks also to Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Harte, Mrs O'Mahony, Mrs Loh and Liam O'Shea for all their work preparing the art and to Mrs. Adamson who helped with the music.

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As part of their preparations for confirmation, the boys took part in a retreat on Thursday 15th March which was conducted by the Waterford NET Ministries team. The boys really enjoyed the day and took a lot out of it.

On that same day a beautiful ceremony called the service of light also took place. This saw parents of the confirmation children pass on the light of faith to their children. Again the boys were a credit to the school. Thanks to Fr. Billy, Mairéad Conway and the Folk Choir and Bridie O'Dwyer and her team for providing refreshments afterwards.

First Holy Communion, First Penance

Our second class boys have been very busy over recent months as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. They received first penance in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 14th March in a beautiful ceremony celebrated by Fr. Billy. They now look forward to Saturday 28th April when they will receive their First Holy Communion. Thanks to Ms. Morrison and Ms. Lonergan for all their hard work in preparing the boys.

Thanks also to the parents who formed the parents' committee for all their work and commitment in organising the 'Do this in Memory' masses. It is greatly appreciated.

School musical

The school are producing the musical 'The Lion King' on the 17th and 18th of May in St. Mary's Parish church. It is a huge undertaking and the boys are putting a great effort into rehearsals. Please spread the word and encourage friends, neighbours and relations to come and support the boys. We will be sending word looking for help after the holidays and hope that you will be very generous with your support.

Junior achiever – Ahead of the Easter break, I just want to say a big thanks to the volunteers who supported the school as part of Junior Achievement this term. We hope that the boys found the Junior Achievement Initiatives in the school educational and beneficial.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations

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On Friday last, 16th March we had a wonderful day of music, dance and gaeilge. All the classes performed a little party piece and most of the boys and indeed teachers took part in the Céilí Ms Moroney's first class rocked the place with their performance of 'Uptown Funk' as gaeilge (Huge novelty wearing sunglasses in school). Thanks to all the teachers for preparing the boys but special mention to Mrs Adamson and Liam O'Shea for their hard work.

Rockwell Scholarship

Congratulations to Sam O Sullivan came first in Rockwell Scholarship exam with special mention to the other boys who performed so well also

Cumann na mBunscol

Preparations are well under way for the upcoming Cumann na mBunscol hurling competitions. Our U13 boys will begin against Carrick CBS in Carrick on the Thursday after the Easter. Both U11 teams are due to play their blitz in Cashel on Thursday 19th April. Special word of thanks to Mr. Leahy, Mr Curran and Mr McCarthy for their work in coaching the teams.

Spelling Bee

Well done to John Ryan who got to the final round in the recent County final of the Spelling Bee in Cashel.

Athletics

Congrats again to Sam O'Sullivan who came 2nd in All Ireland race walking under 14 recently.

Strictly 999

The school were very well represented by Mrs Harte, Ms. Moroney and Ms. Lonergan in the recent Strictly 999 fundraiser. Special mention to Ms. Lonergan who was victorious on the night.

Boxing

We have had a number of students who have taken part and been victorious in boxing competitions recently – Pádraig Heneghan, Thomas

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O'Reilly, Gabriel Stokes, Timmy O'Reilly and Jimmy O'Reilly. Well done boys

Soccer in Turner's Cross

A number of our younger students were extremely lucky recently to perform with their Clonmel Town teammates during half time of Cork City FC's League of Ireland clash with Bohemians. Well done boys!

RSE

Marguerite Costello will visit the school in the weeks after Easter to talk to the sixth class boys on the topic of Relationships and Sexuality Education. A parents' information night will take place on Wednesday 11th April at 7.30pm. She will then do a workshop with the boys themselves on Thursday 19th April during school time.

Quiz Teams

Compliments to our two quiz teams who took part in the recent Credit Union Quiz. Our Senior team -Sam O'Sullivan, Ciarán Cotter, Cathal Walsh, Eoghan Woods – came second on the day. Our Junior team - Archie O'Sullivan, Caoilean Morrison, Ben Murphy, Aaron Cagney came in 1st place and went on to represent the Clonmel area in the regional finals in Waterford. Again they performed brilliantly finishing just outside the prizes. Well done to all the boys and to Mr. Williams who prepared them.

Assemblies

Over the past year or more we have held regular assemblies to reward and promote positive behaviour and efforts in our school. The boys really enjoy these and they are beginning to impact on the fabric of the school in a very positive way. We ask parents to reinforce messages brought home by children from these assemblies.

Shay Hurley recently invited some of the classes to the local library for an exhibition on the Irish lost during the First World War.

INSPA National Photography competition. Mr. Williams class took part in the competition and we had two boys who were recognised for their

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efforts in the Senior category, Highly Commended – Alessio Di Ruzza, and Finalist – Harry McMahon. Well done boys.

CD

Our school CD is still available from the school office for anyone who would like to purchase a copy at a cost of €10

Website

Please check out our school website for any information on the school

FAI soccer blitz

Mr. Morris has commenced training with the boys in fifth and sixth who are hoping to compete in the upcoming FAI soccer blitz. More details to follow.

School Band

Well done to all the boys who have worked so hard in band all year. They were a credit to the school when they performed in the St. Patricks day parade. They also recorded a number of pieces for our school CD. Well done to all the younger boys who made the transition from Junior to Senior band this year. Thanks to Ms Lonergan and Ms Morrison for all their hard work with the band.

School Tours

Details of the school tours will be forwarded to parents in the weeks after Easter if they have not already been received. The school tour is a nice reward for the boys who have worked hard and behaved well during the year.

Roots of Empathy

Mr Paul Scully has been busy with the 3rd class completing the Roots of Empathy programme. Special word of thanks to Melissa Mulhall and Baby Daithi who have been visiting the school regularly during the year as part of the programme.

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Absence notes Should your child need to be absent from school please ensure that you send in a note of explanation to the class teacher in your child's homework diary.

Contacting the school The school secretary, Pat, is in the office from 9.00 to 2.00 each day. Please ring the office during these times only. Alternatively email the school on stmaryscbsns@yahoo.ie

Change of details etc: If you change telephone number, address or any other details please contact the school as soon as possible. It is becoming increasingly difficult to contact certain parents!!!

Code of Behaviour – Our Code of Behaviour is aimed at educating the boys on how they should conduct themselves in school. The new policy places a big onus on the children taking responsibility for their own actions. We have asked the boys that "If somebody does something to upset, anger or hurt you, then you must make this known to a member of staff." We would ask all parents to remind their children to do this also.

School Uniform Policy It is compulsory for boys to wear the school uniform each day. They are asked to wear the tracksuit on PE days only and the full school uniform on all other days!!! The school uniform consists of grey trousers, Navy v-neck jumper with grey V and the crest, sky blue shirt and navy tie. The school does not insist on a particular supplier or make of clothing. For PE a Navy sweatshirt with school crest, plain navy tracksuit pants and a sky blue polo shirt must be worn (NO football jerseys!!). Children who don't wear the correct uniform will face sanctions. Please label all items of the School Uniform.

Jewellery – Due to health and safety reasons children may not wear rings or earrings. Children who wear them will be asked to remove them and parents can collect them from their class teacher at the end of the day.

School Healthy Lunches policy – St. Mary's CBS has a Healthy Lunches Policy. We expect all parents to fill their child's lunchbox with this policy in mind. We make the following **suggestions**: Protein filled sandwich / pitta bread (e.g. cold meat, tuna, egg mayonnaise, cheese, salads, coleslaw etc.), Healthy drinks (e.g. water, milk and natural fruit juice), Yoghurts,

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cheese and other dairy products, Cereal Bars and Crackers, Scones and plain buns (no icing), Fruits and vegetables. On Fridays children may bring one treat of their choice. The following items are **not permitted** as part of our Healthy Lunches policy: Chewing Gum, Fizzy Drinks, Chocolate, Crisps, Sweets.

Faith Fest 2018 The Indian Catholic Community have organised a spiritual formation program for children during the Easter Holidays on April 2nd and 3rd in the presentation Secondary School. A flyer with more details will be forwarded to all families.

Busy Bees After School

We at Busy Bees are delighted to be completing our second term in St Mary's. We would like to thank everyone for all the kind support to date.



Afterschool service each day until 6.15pm.

Following the recent budget a range of affordable childcare options are now available to parents with costs from as little as €3 a day to qualifying parents.

Hot food is available daily at a cost of €2.50 with a choice of two options per day. Menu available on www.busybeesclonmel.com

Our under 13's Tipperary community games chess team, continue playing on Fridays in St Mary's 2.40–3.40 from next term new players welcome. Contact Vanessa on 052 6182548 or 086 0444202 moriartyvanessa@yahoo.com to book your place.

School Calendar 2017/2018

Re-opening on Monday 9th April

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May Mid-Term week - Closed Monday 7th to Friday 11th May inclusive

June Bank holiday - Closed Monday 4th June

Summer Holidays - Closing Thursday 28th June @ 12.30p.m.

School Calendar 2018/2019

School will open on Thursday 30th August 2018

Mid-Term Break Mon 29th October 2018 to Fri 2nd November 2018

Christmas holidays Closing on Friday 21st December 2018

Re-opening on Monday 7th January 2019.

Mid-Term Break Mon 18^h February 2019 to Fri 22nd February 2019

St. Patrick's Day Closed Monday 18th and Tues 19th March 2019

Easter Holidays Closing on Friday 12th April 2019,

Re-opening on Monday 29th April 2019

May Bank holiday Closed Monday 6th May 2019

June Bank holiday Closed Monday 3rd June 2019

Summer Holidays Closing Friday 28th June 2019

Supervision

The school yard is supervised each morning from 8.50 am. No responsibility will be taken for any pupils who enter the school yard before this time!