

ST. COLMCILLES'S B.N.S.

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2018

NEWSLETTER

The boys have certainly settled in for the new school year. Routines and timetables have been established and they are focussed in their work. In order to help your child, please check homework daily. Watch out for notes from school that may be lurking at the bottom of the bags! Please contact the school if you have any concerns or questions about your child.

Attendance

It is vital that your child attends school daily. If he often misses single days this can build up. It causes frustration and anxiety for your child as they try to 'catch up' with work. After 20 absent days your child's details are referred to the Education Welfare Officer. We will contact parents when this number of absent days is approaching.

Before & After School

Some children are arriving to school extremely early. The Board of Management wishes to advise parents that there is no supervision in the yard before 8.50 a.m. This is a Health & Safety issue. We would appreciate that you would take note of this. Some children are not picked up on time after school. Again, the road is very busy and too dangerous for your child to be left standing.

Bike Safety & Walking

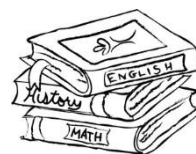


If children are cycling to school they must wear a helmet. All children should walk along the footpath to the pedestrian crossing in front of Our Lady of Mercy P.S. and cross here. There are a lot of cars and buses moving. It is difficult to see all children.

Absent Notes

If children are absent from school please send in a written note explaining your child's absence. It is not enough to make a phone call. All notes are then held on file.

Book Rental



This year saw the introduction of the Book Rental Scheme to the school. It took a lot of hard work by Mrs Carey, Mrs Mc Govern and members of the Parents' Association for covering the books. Each child who took part in the scheme received their bag of books covered, labelled and bar coded.

New Build



There is great excitement at the moment as we watch the growth of our New Build. This will be 4 new classrooms and 2 resource rooms. It will also include a new roof and electrical upgrade of the old building. Last week the foundations were laid.

This week the blockwork will begin.

Sport



Young Whistlers

Already the boys have been busy with sport. Sixth class have been trained as 'Young Whistlers'. This allows them to be referees, mentors, umpires, record keepers and managers of teams in a First and Second class league. This is guided by G.A.A. coach Jenny Rispin and under the supervision of all class teachers. It is heartening to see how well the older boys look after and mentor the younger boys in these games.

Rugby Blitz

All the boys took part in a Rugby Blitz with other local schools at the North Meath Rugby Club. This was an excellent way to introduce the boys to tag rugby and perhaps to join the club if they are interested. A huge thank you to Club Coach Ben Traynor for organising the Blitz. It was certainly a great day out.

Football



The football season has started early this year and already the boys have won their first two matches. This is success breeding success. Some of the boys from last year's Division One winning team are on this team. The boys are motivated and are training hard and have a great attitude. Perhaps we can make it two in a row?! Much appreciation goes to Mr Bird & Mr Hannify for all their work with the team.

Tennis



Tennis coaching will begin this week for all classes. Please see the note your child took home for his time and day. Cost of the lessons are €2 each week.

Clubs

Please forward details and phone numbers of Clubs in the town for parents who wish to join. We will include

these in next month's newsletter.



Congratulations to Mrs Mc Govern who has taken up her new position as Director of Navan Education Centre. The whole school community wishes her well in this exciting move.



Presidential Election: Closed Friday October 26th.

Midterm Break: Closed from Thursday October 25th for one week. Re-open Monday November 5th.

Christmas Holidays: Close Friday December 21st 2018 & re-open Monday January 7th 2019.

Confirmation Date: Saturday February 2nd 2019

First Communion Date: Sunday May 19th 2019

