

St. Aidan's N.S. - 2018/2019

January Newsletter



Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go leir!

May everyone be blessed with a happy New Year both at home and at school.

Calendar updated (see on back)

Please note the changes made to this year's calendar. Due to a staff Planning Day the pupils will have no school on February 20th, the day before the mid-term break. The Tour date for Senior Classes has been moved to Thurs, May 30th and May 31st will be a school holiday.

The school website will be updated accordingly.

Please, Please, Please!

Be Aware: Pupils who arrive early to school are not supervised. Supervision starts at 8.50pm when the doors open.

In exceptional circumstances (eg very heavy rain/strong winds) the doors have been opened early so children will not be left in wet clothes for the day. All children enter via the hall on these days. ***But remember they are the exception.***

St. Aidan's Fit and Healthy!

In keeping with the efforts countrywide to promote healthier lifestyles we will be doing the following:

- **Fit for 5 on Fridays:** fitness routines with the whole school
- **Focusing on Healthy Lunches** – ideas can be found on the 'Safe Food - Healthy Lunch Box' brochure at www.safefood.eu/healthylunches
- **Inviting our local OT Leaders** to visit us and take part in activities

The Amber Flag Initiative

In a new venture, St. Aidan's will this year be getting involved with **The Amber Flag Initiative** in conjunction with Pieta House. The Amber Flag aims to encourage schools to highlight and promote the importance of positive mental health. We have already been doing a lot of good work in our school around this topic and now we will be getting even more involved, enhancing what has been done and working hard to actively improve on it by promoting a positive attitude towards mental health. We will be having a variety of activities and events through the next few months all centred around promoting positivity, mindfulness and well being. A committee of 10 students under the co-ordination of Ms. Lee will be behind the drive to be awarded **The Amber Flag** this year.

Updated School Calendar 2018-2019

TERM 2

Re-opening - Mon. 7th Jan.

Language Curriculum Day (Staff Development) Closed Wednesday, Feb 20th

FEB Mid-Term Break: Closed Thurs Feb. 21st and Fri. Feb. 22nd

St.Patrick's Day Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 18th March.

Easter Holidays: Closing Fri. April 12th.

TERM 3

Re-opening Mon, April 29th

May Bank Holiday. Closed Mon. May 6th

Communion Date: May 11th

Confirmation Date: May 25th

School Tours (3rd to 6th) Thursday May 30th.

Please Note: Jun. Infants, Sen Infants, 1st and 2nd will have no school on this day to allow for adequate supervision of all classes on tour. School tours for these classes will be organised for other dates during May/June

Extended June Break Friday, May 31st (Schl Holiday) Mon. June 3rd (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday June 4th Schl Holiday

Summer Holidays: Wed. June 26th (School closing @ 12 noon)

Coming Up!

- **Jan. 29th Confirmation Meeting** for the Parents of 5th and 6th. Venue: School Hall. Time:8pm
- **Tuesday, Feb. 6th Relationships and Sexuality Education Presentation** for the Parents of 6th Class. Venue: School Hall. Time 7.30pm
- **Feb. 14th Relationships and Sexuality Education Presentation** for the Parents and Pupils of 6th Class. Venue: School Hall Time:7.30pm
- **Swimming for 4th will start on Monday, February 18th**

Enrolment of New Junior Infants for September 2019

Application Forms will be distributed via the local playschools.

They will also be available at the school from Mon. February 4th

All applications to be returned by Feb. 28th