

**School re-opens on
Thursday, 30th August, 2018.**

We have quite a bit of news to catch up so I would kindly ask everyone to read through all of the information contained within this Newsletter although I appreciate not all the information will be relevant to all families.

- ◇ Firstly I would like to begin with a massive thank you to each and every family and all members of the Community who helped to make both our Confirmation and Communion days two wonderful occasions. To the parents who prepared the hall and served the teas on both days we say a sincere thank you. It's a wonderful tradition and is something that is enjoyed by everyone on the day. A special word of thanks to Fr. Chris, Mr Nolan and Miss Collins who put in a huge amount of work to prepare the children and had everything so well organised on both days.
- ◇ The Christy Gregan Cup & Shield Finals will take place next Wednesday, 13th June @ 1.30pm in the Community Field. We are trying to raise as much local support as possible for this wonderful occasion so we would ask as many parents that can to please come along on the day and support the teams. The Cup Final will be played off at 1.30pm, followed quickly by the Shield Final @ 2.30pm. Coolfancy will play Annacurra in the Shield Final while Carnew will play Aughrim in the Cup Final.
- ◇ You may have noticed that we have new window boxes and plants around the school and we need to mention that these flower baskets etc. were very generously donated by Pat Doyle, Forest Lodge Nurseries. Pat also dressed the church entrance on both the Confirmation and Communion days and, again, all free of charge. We sincerely thank Pat and his daughter Trish for this hugely generous donation of both their time and the flowers. We really do appreciate all that you do for us.
- ◇ Our recently formed Parent's Association have really hit the ground running and organised a general tidy up of the school grounds, cleaning the raised beds in the garden, washing the windows etc. and we thank all the volunteers who helped on the day. As you all know there will be an End Of School Year Fair on Sunday, 24th June in the Community Field and hopefully the weather will remain summery and we can all enjoy a fun-filled afternoon.
- ◇ 1st - 3rd Class have just completed their 6 week rotation of the swimming strand of the PE Curriculum and it was hugely successful. 4th - 6th class have just commenced their 6 week rotation swimming every Friday morning, bus leaves @ 10.00am, except for our last swim which will take place on **Tuesday 26th June** as we are closing on the 29th for our Summer holidays.
- ◇ As you are aware all the teachers have attended In-Service training days for new Child Safeguarding Guidelines. As a result of this training our new Child Safety Safeguarding Statement along with our Risk Assessment protocol must be displayed on our School Notice Board for all parents to examine should they so wish. Ours will be clearly displayed inside a removable frame in the coming days. We are awaiting delivery of the specific frame to accommodate the document. It will also be available to view on our School's website.

- ◇ As part of the new Child Safety Safeguarding Guidelines we can only ask Parents who are Garda Vetted for this specific school to assist with lifts to matches etc. If you feel you may be a parent who can assist with match days etc. can you please notify the school office so that we can give you the appropriate forms for you to complete and submit to the Diocesan office so that Garda Vetting can be obtained.
- ◇ In a genuine effort to build on the work done by both the school and Fr Chris with all the pupils and specifically the pupils preparing for the Sacraments, the pupils from 5th & 6th class & 2nd class will be attending morning Mass in Coolfancy on any Friday morning where possible.
- ◇ Next Year's School Calendar is attached for your attention also.

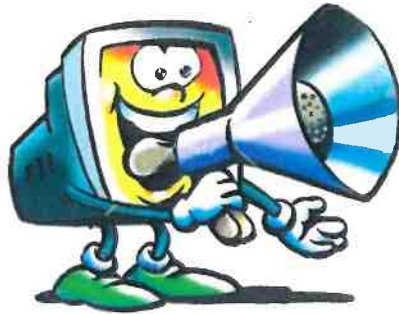
Of course it goes without saying that on top of all of the important events/dates that are listed on the attached page normal school business will still be conducted including the sitting of the End Of Year tests which are ongoing at the moment.

School reports will issue mid-June which will allow suitable time for any parents to raise any concerns they may have with the relevant class teacher.



The Teachers and I would like to say thank you to all parents for your wonderful support and to all of the pupils who have been a joy to work with.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the staff who have been very enthusiastic, encouraging and dedicated throughout the year.



The following are some very important dates for all parents to note:

Tues. 12th June - 3rd & 4th Class Tour - Class letter distributed

Wed. 13th June - Induction Day for new students - an information pack has been sent to all relevant parents.

Wed. 13th June - Christy Gregan Cup & Shield Final @ 1.30pm

Thurs. 14th June - 5th & 6th Class Tour - Class letter distributed.

Wed. 20th June - 6th Class Graduation Mass & Supper - 7.00pm. To keep this the special occasion that it has always been, we remind you that **ONLY** graduating pupils and their parents are included at this celebration.

Thurs. 21st June - Jun/Sen Inf. & 1st/2nd Class School Tour - class letter distributed.

Fri. 22nd June - Music Generation Recital - 9.30am - 10.00am - Jun/Sen/1st/2nd Class only. Parents & families welcome. Recital will be held outdoors weather permitting.

Week beg. 25th June: Active School's Week - A number of various sporting activities are planned for this week.

Wed. 27th June - Music Generation Recital - 11.30am - 12.30pm - 3rd - 6th Class only. This Recital will take place in Aughtrim and the children will be bussed to and from the event. Parents and families are invited to attend also.

Fri. 29th June - School Closes For Summer Holidays @ 12.30pm

