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Parent Newsletter

April 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare to break for the Easter holidays, please find below some important notices and updates for the coming weeks and months:

School Closures:

- The school will be closed from 14th-25th April inclusive for the Easter Holidays.
- The children will finish school at **12:00 on 11th April**.

School Self Evaluation Update

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who submitted responses to our Wellbeing & Maths surveys. We had a fantastic response and really value your input. We received very positive feedback from parent surveys in general but specifically around children feeling safe in school and the school being welcoming. Following analysis of the parent, pupil and staff survey results, we decided to focus on **increasing opportunities for pupil voice** and **building positive relationships with parents** this year. We have put the following actions into effect:

- **Whole School Assemblies** once a month. Certificates go home.
- Use of **Instagram** page to share achievements and to keep parents informed
- **School Website** set up
- **Parent newsletter** sent to parents highlighting updates and achievements.
- **Use of Aladdin** to communicate with parents.
- **Agreed report** shared from Board of Management meeting with parents.
- **Involved parents in** for a number of school activities e.g. book fair, Christmas concert, Graduation ceremony.
- **The Parent Association** was set up in October.
- Review of **school uniform** – Parent Association involvement, Parent and Pupil vote

We will continue to work towards meeting our School Self Evaluation targets for the remainder of the year. We hope to focus on Maths during the next academic year.

First Holy Communion – Saturday, 10th May

Our Second Class pupils are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on **Saturday, 10th May at 11.00 a.m.** in Portroe Church. Communion children and choir members are kindly asked to arrive at 10:45 a.m. Permissions for choir attendance are being collected via Aladdin Connect. Thank you for responding promptly.

Confirmation – Congratulations

Congratulations to all pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week. It was a beautiful and memorable occasion, and we are so proud of all involved. Sincere thanks to the Choir, who contributed greatly to the atmosphere of the day.

Colours Day – Friday

We will hold a Colours Day this Friday. Pupils may wear their own clothes instead of the school uniform. A suggested donation of €2 per child can be made via ePayment, with all funds going towards upcoming school yard improvements. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Uniform Update – New Tracksuit Top Chosen

Following the recent vote, Option A – a mostly green and navy tracksuit top – was selected as the preferred new uniform item. B&T Sports will run a **pop-up shop** in the school hall on **Thursday, 30th May from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Parents are welcome to bring their child to try on sizes and place an order. Payment (cash or card) will be accepted on the day. Thank you to everyone who participated in the vote.

Hurling and Camogie

Hurling and camogie coaching resumes on Friday 9th May and will continue until 30th May. All children will take part. A separate note will be issued to remind families that pupils will need a hurley, helmet and boots for pitch sessions.

Health Reminder – Vomiting Bug

We are currently seeing many cases of a vomiting bug in the school. Please ensure that if your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea, they remain at home for 48 hours after their last episode, as per HSE guidance. This greatly helps to prevent the spread of illness and keep our school community healthy.

School Calendar 2025/2026

Please find the school calendar for 2025/2026 [HERE](#).

Portroe Tidy Towns – Spring Clean-Up

The Portroe Tidy Towns Committee will hold their Spring Clean-Up on Good Friday, 18th April at 10:30 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our local community. All are welcome, and there will be treats for volunteers afterwards!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life. We wish you and your families a very happy Easter and look forward to the final term ahead.

Kind regards,



Maria Geaney