

May 2018

St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

The school year is racing by and we have schools tours, sports days and end of year activities scheduled on the right.

Every second year is "activity" year for our school tour so 3rd-6th class are going to Bay Sports and the junior classes of the school are going to Turoe Pet Farm.

Unfortunately we are over **€1000** in the red on our school accounts due to music money outstanding. Patricia sent out reminder slips last week and we would be very grateful to get our books balanced before the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Eilis Treacy

School Principal

End of Year Activities

This last term is possibly the busiest time of the year, teachers are trying to finish up the years curriculum, testing has to be carried out, reports written and of course all the end of year fun activities have to be included as well.

Over the next few weeks 1st to 6th class will complete their standardised **testing**. This is a measure of your child's attainment and a means to check that your child is progressing through the curriculum. It also helps us to plan for the year ahead, identify needs in classes and prioritise classes and groups for extra support. Teachers use the findings of the tests to plan their own teaching.

Your child's result will be on their **report card**. The report cards will be



Upcoming Events

Friday 25th May

Closed for Referendum

Friday 8th June

Infant Open Day

Friday 23rd June

School Tour

Monday 11th June

Junior School Tour

Friday 22nd June

Senior School Tour

Monday 25th June

End of year assembly and Graduation

Tuesday 26th June

Sports Day

Thursday 28th June

Closing for summer

Money collections

Music

€20 each term.

€60 for year.

Junior tour: €15

Senior Tour: €30

School Office

Monday – Thursday

09:00 – 11:00

posted home and should arrive by Friday 22nd June.

The **Infant Open Day** is on Friday 8th June this year. Juniors, seniors and 1st class will go home at **12pm** that day. The new infants and their parents will visit the school at 1pm. The **Schoolwear Centre** will be in the school from 1-3:30pm that day if any parent wishes to order or try on uniform jumpers.

Hurling and Camogie championships are being played out this term. The boys were playing 7aside in a group with Mullagh, Ballinakill and Gortanumra. Despite beating Ballinakill well in the first match, Mullagh have gone on to win the group and we wish them the very best of luck in their final in June. The girls have played and won two matches against Killimor and Woodfort. This week they meet Bullaun on Tuesday and Kilcooley on Thursday.

We plan on having our **Sports Day** on Tuesday 26th June. This is a weather dependent date and if we have a good spell beforehand, we might move it forward. Pupils will need a potato and spoon (labelled with name), tights or scarf for 3 legged race and hurl for the long puck.

School Tours will be on Monday 11th June and Friday 22nd June.

This year the Junior tour (infants – 2nd class) will travel to Turoe Pet farm. This costs €15 and pupils need to bring their own lunch.

The senior tour (3rd-6th class) are visiting Bay Sports at the Hodson Bay. This tour costs €30 and pupils need a full packed lunch.

Further details on the tours will be sent out in due course.

On Monday 25th of June at 1:30pm we will have our **End of Year Assembly**. Parents are welcome to attend. We will celebrate various achievements and awards within the school and continue with the **Graduation** ceremony for 6th class and their families.

Classes and Staffing for 2018-2019

Mrs Greaney will be starting her maternity leave in September and we wish her the very best of health and good luck in welcoming her 3rd child. There will be a teacher appointed in September for the junior room. This position will be advertised in the next few weeks.

Due to class sizes, for the coming year the senior room will have 4th, 5th and 6th class. It will be a busy year with 3 classes but Mrs Barrett will be working with me (Ms Treacy) to provide additional support. If any parent of next years 4th class would like to discuss it, I am available after school most evenings, just ring the office first.

Mr Barrett will the two classes for the year: 2nd class and 3rd class.

Community Field Development

There was a second meeting on Wednesday 2nd May which was very positive and productive. A committee has now been formed with Declan Dunican as chairperson. The attendees of the meeting agreed to sit on the committee and Declan is spending the month of May forming the rest of committee and ensuring there are representatives from all aspects of the community.

The project will be a **playground, sensory garden** and **walkway**. It is hoped that this will facilitate young and old in the community. Anyone interested in working with the committee should contact Declan Dunican.