



## February 2020 Newsletter

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation takes place this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm in Ballinlough. On that day pupils from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> class will be going down to the Church at 2pm to make up the school choir. When the Confirmation ceremony is over, teachers will walk the children back up to the school where they can be collected at 4.30pm. We ask that you park at the school and not at the Church as children will be collected from the school at 4.30pm. Infant pupils will go home at 2pm as per usual. We are looking for donations of buns/cake/biscuits etc for the hall. These can be dropped into the school (Mrs Farrelly/Mr. Kelly's room) this week. Full school uniform to be worn on the day. Please provide an extra snack/lunch on Friday as it will be a longer school day.

### **Photographer**

The photographer will visit the school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Full uniform required. (No P.E. on this day)

### **Swimming**

Classes 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> are swimming on Thursday. The bus leaves the school at 10.30am, and classes commence at 11.00pm. Please ensure your child has swimming costume (No bikinis!), goggles, hat, socks etc under their tracksuit. No shampoo/shower gel required.

Parents who are fully Garda Vetted by the school are free to enter the changing rooms to dress/undress their child. Teachers will not be involved in the dressing/undressing of any child.

### **St. Patricks Weekend**

School finishes at 12 noon on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March for all classes. This is to facilitate a half days Inservice training for teachers on the New Primary

Language Curriculum. School is also closed on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, re-open Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Student Placement**

Niamh Grall (Marino Student) will be completing her teaching practice in the Infant Classroom in March/April.

### **GAA**

Lavina Gilsenan and Ian Malone are involved in hurling/football coaching on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure children are wearing school tracksuit /runners on these days. All classes will receive football & hurling training.

### **FAI Blitz**

The Boys blitz is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

The Girls blitz is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

For 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils. Bus will be provided to the MDL Navan.

### **1st Confession**

1<sup>st</sup> Confession for 2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils takes place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.00pm in Ballinlough Church.

### **New Staff Member**

We welcome Helen Reynolds to our staff. She will be teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class covering for Mrs. Cawley's maternity leave until the end of this school year. We hope she will be happy here.

### **Thanks**

Finally, a word of thanks to our Parents Association for the beautiful pancakes for Shove Tuesday. We would also like to thank those volunteers helping out on Friday in the Hall. To Evelyn Farrelly for her beautiful artistic displays for Confirmation and to Niall & Elaine Daly for donating a lovely pre-lit tree which will be in the Church on the day. Once again, many thanks to the Quinn family for assisting us with the choir. We appreciate all the support in putting the ceremony together.