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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

*Happy New Year*

### **Attendance**

*School attendance levels are good at present and hopefully this will continue in 2018. A reminder that schools are obliged to report absences of 20 days or more to the EWS (a text alert is issued automatically by our Aladdin Schools administration system). Parents need NOT worry if you receive a text – once your child has a genuine reason for missing school, e.g. illness, hospitalisation etc. It is important therefore, that you ring the school or send a note so teachers can record a reason for absences – otherwise they are listed as “unexplained”.*

### **School Maintenance works/upgrades**

*We hope to replace all our internal classroom doors as they are quite old and draughty. We also plan to purchase a reading programme for our infant classes and purchase some programmes/resources for the Special Education room. New P.E. equipment has also been ordered.*

*We are awaiting confirmation from the Department of Education regarding the ICT grant. Last year we very successfully upgraded the WiFi in the school and purchased some laptops. This year we hope to add some tablets, visualiser and service our existing interactive whiteboards.*

### **Sport**

*Cumann na mBunscoil football competitions will be up and running for the Spring Term next month. Swimming will commence in late February for classes 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> (more details to follow nearer the time).*

### **Sacraments**

*Confirmation takes place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March in Kilskyre Church at 11.00am. 14 Children will receive the sacrament.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Confessions will be heard in Ballinlough Church at 7.00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.*

### **Photographer**

*The annual visit will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March.*

### **Cookery Demonstration**

*We will have a cookery demonstration for classes 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in the hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.*

### **Clothes Collection**

*All bags are to be left at the school before 9.30am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.*

### **Gaelbhhratach:**

*Frásaí: Cén la é – what day is it*

*Inniu an (Luan)– Today is (Monday)*

*Cén Ghaeilge atá ar “ ..... ”? what is the Irish for “ ..... ”?*

*Cad is brí le “ ..... ” what does .....mean*

### **Important Dates:**

 Clothes collection:	<i>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</i>
 Mid Term Break:	<i>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</i>
 St. Patricks Bank Holiday:	<i>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March</i>
 1 <sup>st</sup> Confession	<i>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</i>
 Easter Holidays	<i>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12.00 noon. Re-Open Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April.</i>