

C.B.S. School NEWS / Easter 2023

IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Easter Holidays

The school will close next Friday 31st March & re-opens on Monday 17th April

To avoid congestion on Friday, classes will all leave at brief intervals by the front gate.

- ✚ Please note: the school office will be closed on Friday, 31st March

Advance Notice: Full Day Closure - Friday 28th April for Primary Language Curriculum Teacher Training

School Start Time

- Lessons begin at **9:05am** - please ensure children arrive on time every morning for yard line-up.
- School gates will open at 8.50am for yard supervision.

Junior Infants Open-Day

- We plan to have our Open-Day for New Junior Infants shortly. Date & details to follow.

School Safety/Security

- Parents and visitors are reminded that access into the school building and classes during school time is NOT PERMITTED, unless by prior appointment.
- In the event of late arrivals, the child must be dropped at reception and children must walk to their class. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated, as these safeguards are crucial for the children's safety and protection.
- At Home-Time: Children must be collected with their class at the designated pick up collection.
Please Note: Any child leaving school during class-time, must be collected by an adult at reception.

Attendance

- We want to remind parents that the Attendance Policy is available on our website, and our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) is Ms. Sinead McCourt. Attendance is being continually monitored, and issues will be raised early to try and reduce absenteeism. We are also encouraging families to please take holidays during school holiday periods and not during term time. The loss of school days due to holidays can be significant, and the days add up. We are also closely monitoring children leaving school early repeatedly. These minutes add up and can significantly impact on a child's learning.

School Absence Procedure:

- When a child is absent from school, parents/guardians are asked to please send a note of explanation to the class teacher using the '**Aladdin Connect**' System only. This is essential to complete the Daily Attendance Roll. Aladdin Connect provides us with the information we need to monitor attendance. We want to stress the importance of school attendance.
- **It is important to remember that if a child is sick, they must stay home.**

20 Day Plus Absences

- Our data-base system 'Aladdin' will automatically generate a text message to parents once any child reaches 20 days absence from school. Thank you for your continued co-operation regarding the submission of notes of explanation, this information is vital to complete their Attendance Record.

Green School Day of Action

- Will be held on Thursday 18th May. We encourage everyone to travel to school on that day in a sustainable way e.g. walk, scoot, Park'n'Stride etc.

Traffic

- Traffic around the school is moving well. The Gardaí continue to monitor for congestion. We appreciate that you don't stop on the road to let children in or out, this keeps the traffic moving.

Lunch

- Please ensure your child has a healthy snack with them every morning.
- Important Note: Owing to children's allergies - please don't bring ANY **Peanut Products** to school.

Gaeltacht

- 6th class children will attend Coláiste Bhríde in Ranafast (County Donegal) for one week - from May 22nd. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to learn our language in a natural environment.

Updated CBS Child Protection Policy/Statement and Anti Bullying Policy

- These policies are available on our school website.

Turkey/Syria Fundraising Day

- A huge thank you for supporting our fundraising day for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey/Syria. We raised a massive €1,185. This money will be donated to Unicef Ireland.
<https://www.unicef.ie/>

Reminder: School Rules

- **Uniform:** Children must wear their full uniform at all times. Mrs. Hart will be monitoring.
- **Care of Hair:** In an attempt to reduce the transmission of nits in the school, we ask that you check hair regularly & ensure that long hair is tied back or plaited. Extreme hairstyles and highlights are not permitted.
- **Make Up:** Is not allowed, any child wearing it to school, will be asked to remove it on arrival.

Sign Language

- Our 5th and 6th classes are currently completing their Module on Irish Sign Language. They have worked really hard and the tutor informed us that they are making great progress so far! Well Done to our 5th and 6th classes.

Confirmation

- Children will make their Confirmation on Saturday 1st of April at 11.00 am in St Patrick's. The photographer will be in to take the children's photographs on Monday 17th April. Please ensure that the pupils wear their blazers into school that morning.

Free School Book Scheme

- We are pleased to announce that from September 2023 our book rental scheme will be free. The DES have invested in a free book scheme for all primary school going children. The information is available on the following link. <https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/250686/b1aa4f60-a8d7-4a8c-8257-6f585bb87a10.pdf#page=null>

We hope you all have a lovely Easter