

ST. JAMES' SCHOOL

Cappagh,
Askeaton,
Co Limerick.

Newsletter Term 1 2019

Céad Míle Fáilte

Welcome

A thuismitheoirí,

Tá fáilte romhaibh go léir ar ais ar scoil tar éis an briseadh lár téarma. Tá súil againn go raibh briseadh iontach agaibh, agus go bhfuil sibh ag súil leis an Nollaig. Beidh téarma gnóthach, suimiúil againn.

On behalf of the teachers and Board of Management, we would like to extend a belated welcome back to all our pupils. A special warm welcome to our new Junior Infants and any new pupils who have joined us. We hope you will be very happy in St. James' School.

Enrolment 2020

Application Forms are now available for those wishing to enrol their child for September 2020. Forms can be collected from Ann at the office. Completed application forms should be returned to the office with all of the relevant documents at your earliest convenience.

Financial Contribution

Euro a week collection - We would like each family to contribute €1 per week to defray the cost of day to day ancillary school purchases. This is collected every Friday. As always, we would like to stress that any contributions to this fund are strictly voluntary.

We are grateful to the parents who have paid the Art& Craft/ Photocopying money. However, we would like to remind parents that some contributions are still outstanding. This was due to be paid on the first day back in August. We would ask parents to pay as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulty, please come and talk to us.

CREDIT UNION

Credit Union collection continues for children every Friday. Children wishing to join for the first time need to go to Askeaton Credit Union to have their account set up. No copper coins will be accepted at Credit Union. Parents are encouraged to keep a check on their children's accounts as on rare occasions mistakes can occur.

Staff Arrangements

Juniors - Mrs Noonan (Deputy Principal)

Seniors/ First - Ms. Rocca Houlihan (Principal)

First/ Second - Ms. Sheehan

Third - Ms. Walsh

Fourth/ Fifth - Ms. Lyons

Fifth/ Sixth - Ms. McNamara

SET - Mrs. Keane

SET - Mr. McCarthy

SNA -Mrs. Carole Bradshaw

SNA/ Secretary - Mrs. Ann Moran

Mr. Madigan has retired from our school and we wish him every good wish for the future. He will be missed. Go n-éirí leat. Mr. Donagh McCarthy will be our temporary teacher for the year and we would like to welcome him to our staff.

Contact Details

If you have changed address, phone numbers or email address recently please inform the school immediately. It is very important to have the correct mobile numbers for parents in case of an emergency.

Dates for the Diary

Book Fair - **Wednesday 13th to Wednesday 20th**

Christmas Concert - **Monday 9th December and Tuesday 10th December. Time TBC.**

In-service Training on new Primary Languages Curriculum for all teachers on **Wednesday, 11th December, School closed for all children.**

Christmas Holidays, school will be closed from **Friday, 20th December at 12.30pm** and will reopen on **Monday 6th January 2020.**

First Communion - **Saturday, 16th May at 10.30am.**

Lá Saoire/ Day off - **Monday 18th May.**

Food Appeal

Following on from last year's success we will once again take part in a food appeal for the poor. More details to follow.

Christmas Concert

Our school Christmas Concerts will take place on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December in the Community Hall. Teachers may be looking for your help/assistance in sourcing/ making costumes and props. We thank you in advance for your support in this regard.

On Monday night Mrs Noonan's Juniors, Ms Sheehan's First & Second and Ms. Lyons' Fourth and Fifth will perform. On the Tuesday night Ms. Rocca's Seniors & First, Ms. Walsh's Third and Ms. McNamara's Fifth and Sixth will perform.

We are also looking for spot prizes for the raffle on the night. If you are in a position to contribute or source a spot prize for us we would appreciate this.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association would like to thank everyone who kindly contributed towards Mr. Madigan's retirement gift from the children and parents of the school.

Vouchers were presented by the children on your behalf at Mr. Madigan's mass. Your generosity was much appreciated. The Parents' Association AGM will be held in the school on Monday November 18th @ 8pm. All are welcome and we would be very happy to see some new faces.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is currently in our school and will leave on Wednesday 20th November. Children will have a chance to browse and buy books. The school receives a portion of the money spent by the children to purchase books for our school library

Active Schools

We are currently working towards earning our first Active School Flag in St. James'. We will be striving to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. Over the next few months, we will be aiming to get more active, more often, with the help of our active school committee and Ms. Mc Namara. We will have a GAA coach visiting the school on Fridays for 5 weeks. On Tuesday November 19th Jason from Askeaton Pool & Leisure will be calling to do an obstacle course with each class. This is a charity fundraising event for the Mid Western Cancer Foundation. Each child is asked to make a minimum donation of €1 for this worthy cause. Please wear tracksuit and bring a rain coat on this day.

Reminders to Parents

School starts at 9.20am and ends at 2pm for Junior and Senior Infants and at 3pm for all other students. All pupils should be on time. There is no supervision before 9.00am and pupils should not arrive before this time. We are very conscious of safe handover procedures for your children after the school day ends. It is absolutely essential that you notify the school if any person other than those designated is collecting your child/children.

Children should wear full school uniform on all days except PE days when they wear the school tracksuit. Currently PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. The Junior and Senior Infants will wear tracksuits every day. Only all navy tracksuits bottoms should be worn.

If a child is absent for any reason a note must be sent to the class teacher when the child returns. We are now using the Aladdin system for the attendance and the roll is done before 10:30 each morning. Any child not in school at this time will be marked absent. If you know that your child will be late for a particular reason in the morning please inform the class teacher.

Only in exceptional circumstances should children be collected early from school.

Please monitor your child's hair for head lice as there is an on-going problem with head lice in the school.

Green Flag

We will continue our 'green' efforts in the school this year and we look forward to earning our second green flag at the end of this school year.

Website: We have a very vibrant website which is regularly updated. <https://www.cappaghns.com/> Please visit the website to keep up to date with school news and events.