

Killina National School

Newsletter

4th October 2017

Witches Walk

We will have our Witches Walk on Friday 27th October. (The day we get our mid-term break). Children will dress up for the 27th October in their Halloween costumes. We have had some terrific homemade costumes in the past or children can wear a bought costume. Children will have a sponsored walk around the football pitch dressed in their costumes. You will receive sponsor cards shortly.

Mid-Term Break

School will be closed Monday 27th October to Friday 3rd November inclusive. School re-opens on Monday 6th November.

School Closure - Professional Development

The school will also close on **Wednesday 22nd November** as all teachers have to attend a training course.

Parent Association

The Parent Association meeting was held on Monday 11th September. The following committee was elected:

Chairperson: Margaret Gill
Assistant Chairperson: Irene O'Shaughnessy
Joint Secretaries: Fiona Moore & Geraldine Reidy
Treasurer: Gerry Beggs
Assistant Treasurer: Sylvia Dooley

Parent Teacher Meeting

We have to re-schedule Parent Teacher meetings to take place on Wednesday 15th November and Monday 20th November. Parents will receive their appointment after mid-term break.

Please note that school will close at 2.45pm on **both** dates for children 1st to 6th class.

Annual Christmas Raffle

Our Annual Christmas raffle will take place on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm in Killina NS. Parents will receive their tickets to sell in the coming weeks.

Carol Service

Children in 1st - 6th Class will take part in a Carol Service in Derrinturn Church on Wednesday 6th December. All parents are invited. The children are also recording a CD of Christmas Carols which will be available to purchase. The Carol Service and sale of CD will help raise funds for the school.

Food Dudes

We are resuming the Food Dudes campaign this month. Parents are encouraged to put a portion of fruit and a portion of vegetable in their child's lunchbox each day. Children will earn points when they eat the fruit **and** vegetable and will receive rewards when they reach certain targets.

Brown Coin Collection

Our Brown Coin Collection was very successful last year. We are launching the Brown Coin Collection again this month. Children can bring in brown coins and each classroom will fill a bucket. The class with the largest total will have a special treat.

Beauty and the Beast. The Helix DCU.

All classes will attend the Pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" on Thursday 30th November. Buses will leave school at 9am and return at approx 3pm.

We look forward to having an enjoyable day at the theatre.

Nativity Play - Junior & Senior Infants

Junior and Senior Infants will present a nativity play in the school on Wednesday 13th December at 10am. Parents of Junior and Senior Infants are invited to attend.

Green Schools

We will soon begin work on our 4th Green Flag. The pupils are being introduced to the theme of biodiversity. A committee will be selected in a few weeks.

Batteries

We are continuing to recycle batteries. There are collection points in each classroom.

Clothes Collection

We are having a clothes collection on Tuesday 10th October. Please send in any clothing, bedlinen, towels, paired shoes, belts and handbags that you would like to recycle.

Bags will be available in a few days. Any refuse sack can be used.

Dates:

First Confessions: Wednesday 14th March 2018.

First Communion: Saturday 12th May 2018.

Confirmation

Enrolment Ceremony: Saturday 18th November 2017.

Ceremony of Light: Saturday 10th February 2018.

Confirmation: Saturday 24th February 2018.
(Killina, Ticknevin & Kilshanroe).

Derrinturn NS will have their Confirmation Ceremony on Saturday 2nd March 2018.

