

Newsletter

September 2017



St. Colman's National School Ballindaggin

Fáilte Ar Scoil & Fáilte Ar Ais!

Welcome Back

We welcome everyone after the summer holidays especially the new entrants and their parents. We thank you for entrusting the education of your children to the staff of St. Colman's National School. We hope that everyone enjoyed their break and is ready to work hard this year.

We wish everyone well and hope that they have a successful year with us here in St. Colman's N.S. Ballindaggin.

Vaccinations

MMR vaccinations for Junior Infants will be taking place on Oct 20th from 11:30am.

Parent's Council

Parent's Council AGM was held in the school on Monday September 11th 2017. Attendance was up on last years meeting. A new committee was elected comprising Trish Frayne, Charlene Nolan, Niall Kennedy and Paul Redmond.



Junior Infants with Mrs. Meagher & Mr Mc Donald

We remind you that, as requested by the Parent's Council, Party Invitations, Christmas Cards etc are not given out at school. This helps to ensure that no child feels left out.

Parent Info Evening

The parent info evening which was to take place on 19th of Sept has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

School Closure

School will close on Nov 29th as the teaching staff will be receiving training in the new Language Curriculum.

P/T Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on the 14th, 15th & 16th of November 2017.

Voluntary Contribution

We thank you for your weekly family voluntary contribution last year. As we constantly update our school resources we look forward to your continued support this school year. Your €2 goes towards additional resources which are appreciated and enjoyed by all the pupils. The money raised is essential to the running of the school.

Split The Pot

Split the Pot continues this year. It costs €2 to enter and the profits are split between Ballindaggin Community Alert Group and St. Colman's N.S.

Staff Allocation 2017/2018

Junior Infants: Mrs. Mary Meagher

Senior Infants: Ms. Aoife Swaine

1st/2nd Class: Ms. Ann Ring

3rd Class: Mr. Conor McDonald

4th Class: Ms. Patricia Brooks

5th/6th Class: Mrs. Bernie Hall (Temporary)

Support Teachers:

Ms. Aisling Whitty

Ms. Cathy Tighe

Mr. Niall Cullen (Temporary)

Special Needs Assistants:

Ms. Carol Jordan,

Mrs. Adrienne McDonald

Ms. Orla Whelan

Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal

This year again we will partake in the Team Hope/Shoebox Appeal. This shoebox brings great joy to millions of needy children in many countries who have received Christmas Shoeboxes over the years. We will be sending out leaflets with all the information you need to participate in this appeal. Boxes need to be brought back to the school on or before 8th Nov 2017.

Board of Management

A BoM meeting was held on the 12th of September. A report of the meeting is available on the school website.

Complaints Procedure

The Complaints Procedure which was agreed by our Management Body C.P.S.M.A. and the I.N.T.O is on the school website. We ask that you follow the protocols laid down.

Step 1: Make an appointment to meet the class teacher.

Step 2: If unresolved, make an appointment to meet the principal.

Step 3: In unresolved, make an appointment to meet with the chairperson of the Board of Management.

Step 4: If unresolved, the process moves to a more formal level and the complaint must be made in writing.



Summer Reading Challenge Awards

Elaine Jordan School of Speech & Drama

Classes for 2017/18 have resumed on Tuesdays in Ballindaggin Community Hall in September. Infants—1.45pm to 2.30pm, 1st to 6th Class—2.45pm to 3.45pm. New members are welcome. Please call Elaine on 0861691040 for more details.

The Joan Doyle School of Speech & Drama

Classes in Speech, Drama/Elocution, Communication will commence the last week of September & will run weekly until mid June. Also **Hillmount School Age Childcare:** Before School Club: (7am to 9am) Mon to Fri with drop to local primary school. Afterschool Club: (1.40pm to 6.40pm) Mon to Fri with collection. Junior/Senior Infants Afterschool Club Hour (1.40pm to 2.40pm) Special Rate. All D.C.YA./Pobal Schemes contracted/ approved. Contact Joan Doyle 053 9388773/0863459015 Mont. Dip. In Educ; (St. Nicholas) Dip. In Social Studies.

Ballindaggin Play & Learn Afterschool Club

In The Dispensary across road from the school. Collection from school at 1.40pm & 2.40pm, open until 6.30pm each day, €4 per hour (2nd & subsequent children receive a discount) snack must be provided. Homework will be supervised each day. Pick up between 1.40pm & 2.40pm each day Mon to Fri €15 per week. Fun Fridays will be held, children can partake in arts, crafts & games. Contact Kayleigh on 087 7198645 Garda vetted, fully insured & Qualified.

Little Angels Parent & Toddler Group

Playgroup in Ballindaggin Community Hall on Thursdays @ 9.30am to 11.30am during primary school term. All children from 0-4 years old welcome with accompanying adult.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library continues to attend school every second Wednesday, & started last Wednesday 6th September

Road Safety

The Board of Management thank you for your cooperation when dropping off and picking up your children.

- * Please do not expect your children to cross the road unaccompanied.
- * Please be careful where you park that sight lines are not obstructed.
- * As far as possible, drop your child and leave to reduce traffic build up.
- * Children who use the Mass Path are to be delivered to and collected at the School Yard gate.

- * **Supervision of children begins 10 minutes before school each morning i.e. 8:50am. There is no supervision by staff before this time.**

Ploughing Championships

If you are bringing your child to the Ploughing next week please send in a written note in their journal the day before and enjoy the day out.

Class Dojo

Some of our teachers are using Class Dojo to reward students. However we will not be using the messaging feature. If you need to contact a teacher please ring the school office.

Physical Activity

The school will begin renewal of the Active School Flag this year.

Fundamental Movement Skills coaching is taking place each Wednesday for the next 8 weeks during school time with the help of Wexford GAA. J1, S1, 3rd and 4th will attend.

It is hoped Hurling 365 will resume soon. Note to follow.

Boy's Rackard League Football with Ms. Aine Doyle and Girl's Rackard League Football with Mr. John Kavanagh resume training Monday Sept 18th at 3pm in Coolree.