May-June

2016

Final Newsletter of School Year

End of Year Activities

You are invited to attend the Graduation service for 6th Class pupils on Wednesday 29th June. A short service will take place in St. Johns at 11a.m., followed by tea/coffee in Teach an tSolais.

The Family Fun Day will take place on Sunday 26th June at Tralee Rugby Club at 2p.m. It promises to be a great day and the perfect oppourtunity to gather the school community together for the last time this year. We're looking forward to seeing you all there!

School Closures

Summer Holidays June 30th 12pm

The School Day

Start Time	8:50
Break	10:55 – 11:05
Lunch	12:30 – 1:00
Home Time (Infants)	1:30
Home Time	2:30

More inside!

Information for Parents

We would like to advise parents of a few changes made to the uniform next year. We will be phasing out the yellow t-shirts. Children will only wear blue t-shirts from next year. Black school shoes will also be required to be worn with the uniform, with runners on PE days only. All children will be required to wear a tie. The PE uniform is a plain navy trousers and jumper/jacket. Please ensure there are no logos/stripes on your child's PE uniform next year (except for school crest).

We will begin a Book Rental Scheme in the coming school year. You will not be required to purchase certain books on the booklist. Parents will be asked to pay a small rental fee for these books. This will be indicated in the booklist.

School starts at 8.50a.m. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time each morning to ensure they do not miss important lessons. The gate opens each morning at 8.40. The children are supervised in the schoolyard (but not in the churchyard) from 8.40-8.50 each morning before entering the school. The school door is locked for safety after this time.

Holidays 2016/2017

School re-opens	– Sept. 1st
Midterm Break	– Oct 31st - Oct 4th
Christmas Holidays	– Dec 23rd- Jan 6th
Midterm Break	– Feb 20th- 24th
St Patricks Day	– Mar 17th
Easter Holidays	– Apr 10th - 21st
May Bank Holiday	– May 1st
June Bank Holiday	– June 5th
Summer Holidays	– June 30th

If your child is absent from school for any reason, we ask that you call Yvonne (066-7128142) before 10a.m. on the day of absence to inform us. You do not need to send a note explaining absence.

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What the children have been doing.....

1. The senior class travelled to Annascaul to climb Brackloon on May 12th. We had great fun climbing the mountain with members from Tralee Mountaineering Club. Thanks to Daithí and the crew for their time, energy and enthusiasm!

2. The junior class went to Kerry County Museum on an archaeological dig. Using our tools and equipment, we uncovered artefacts, treasures and even a skeleton!

3. The senior class visited Villiers in Limerick on May 24th for a sports day. We were very well catered for throughout the day by Neville and the Transition Year students. A great day was had by everyone!

School Tours

The junior room went to Active Kingdom in Tralee for their school tour. We had a fantastic day jumping on bouncy castles, running races and playing lots of fun games.

The senior room went to Cappanalea Outdoor Leisure Centre. We enjoyed rock climbing, abseiling and canoeing in the great outdoors. Thanks to Brian and the crew for a wonderful day!

Summer Holidays will commence on Thursday 30th June at 12p.m. Thanks to all the staff, pupils, parents and board of management of St. Johns Parochial School for a wonderful year. We are looking forward to next year already…..

Enjoy the Summer holidays!

Stay Safe

We teach the Stay Safe programme as part of the SPHE curriculum. The Stay Safe Programme is a personal safety skills programme for primary schools - both mainstream and special. Its overall objective is to prevent child abuse, bullying and other forms of victimisation. You can find out more about Stay Safe on www.staysafe.ie