

SAFETY NOTICES:

- ALL PUPILS MUST WEAR A COAT TO SCHOOL IN WINTER
- SUPERVISION STARTS AT 8:20AM
- DROP AND GO IN THE MORNINGS
- NO PARENTS ON SITE DURING YARD BREAKS
- ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN 1PM FOR 1:20PM PICK-UP.
- BUS BAYS ARE FOR THE BUSES ONLY
- STAFF CAR PARK IS A RESTRICTED AREA
- WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL
- ANY SAFETY OR WELFARE CONCERNS CONTACT:

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Principal's Weekly Bulletin

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Storm Éowyn

I hope everyone stayed safe and well during the storm. The strong winds caused some minor damage to roof capings on the school building, (on top of the brick wall next to the school garden). Plans are in place to repair the damage and ensure the area underneath is fenced off over the weekend. Parents and students must stay clear of the fenced area while the works are ongoing. Thank you for your cooperation.



Grandparents Day for 3rd Class

We are really looking forward to hosting some grandparents next week. We have invited the Grandparents of all 3rd Class students to visit on **Wednesday 29th January** from 11:15am—12:15pm



Catholic Schools Week

Next week we are planning to celebrate our school ethos. We will have a school assembly on Monday and a Walk of Hope on Thursday. We will finish the week with our Non-Uniform Day, in aid of charity.



Non Uniform Day—Friday 31st January

Please remember to wear bright colours and bring in €2 next Friday in aid of Farm Embrace, an Irish charity who support families affected by serious injuries on farms. Children are also invited to wear wellies (if they have them, if not don't worry!).



Events Coming Up

- Safer Internet Day**—Tuesday 11th February
- School Running Challenge**—Tuesday 11th February
- Chess Tournament**—Wednesday 12th February
- STEM Week** 3rd—7th March
- World Book Day**—Friday 7th March (Dress Up Day!)



The School Band

There is great interest in learning the tin whistle for the school band. Thanks to Ms. Mooney and some wonderful volunteers from the local Comhaltas group, we are planning to perform during our Seachtain na Gaeilge week in school and to take part in the St. Patricks Day parade in Portarlington!



Tech Parenting Course

Our school has signed up to the 4 week webinar series by **Dr. Richard Hogan** called 'Parenting the Tech-Savvy Child'. This online course starts on Wednesday 5th February at 7pm for 4 Wednesdays. The total cost of the course is €6 per family. An Aladdin payment link will go up in the next few days.



Toys needed

The infant teachers are looking for some specific toys for play-based learning. They are hoping that parents might be able to donate some toys that are no longer needed at home:

- Toy Cars/Small little characters/Superhero figures/dolls/dolls house/farm animals/wild animals**

A donation box is set up inside the front door of the school for the next two weeks. We will be grateful for any donations.

