

SAFETY NOTICES:

SUPERVISION
STARTS AT
8:20AM

KEEP BUS BAY
CLEAR FOR BUSES

DRIVERS MUST
WATCH OUT FOR
CHILDREN WALK-
ING & CYCLING

NO PARENTS ON
SITE DURING
YARD BREAKS

ARRIVE NO
EARLIER THAN
1PM FOR 1:20PM
PICK-UP.

KEEP GARDEN
AREA CLEAR FOR
CLASSES

PARENTS ARE
NOT PERMITTED
TO PARK IN THE
STAFF CAR PARK

WE ARE A NUT-
FREE SCHOOL

ANY SAFETY OR
WELFARE
CONCERNS
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Principal's Weekly Bulletin

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Delay with new Lunch Provider

We are still waiting for the green light to get started with our lunch provider The Lunchbag. The company is putting the last few arrangements in place and have confirmed that hot lunches will start from **Monday 26th January**. They will visit next Wednesday 21st January to visit classrooms and hand out log in codes for all students. Thank you for your patience. Please continue to provide a packed lunch for one more week!



New ASD Class

We received great news this week that we were granted approval from the Dept. of Education to open a new ASD Class in September. Our 6 new places will be filled from our existing waiting list. Presentation Primary is also opening up a new class, which

means that there will be 12 new ASD places for children in Portarlington this year.



Catholic Schools Week 2026

We will be celebrating our school ethos from Monday 26th - Friday 30th January. Key events will include:

Mon 26th Prayer Service at 11:10am
Wed 28th Grandparents Day (for 3rd Class pupils)
Fri 30th Walk of Hope (non-uniform day)



Embrace Farm

All students are asked to bring in €2 on Friday 30th January for our Faith in Action charity event. Children are welcome to wear Wellies on the day if they have them. It is a non-uniform day.



Tin Whistle for 3rd Class

Local music teacher Mary Carolan is coming in from next Wednesday to help 3rd Class students to learn some tin whistle. All 3rd Class boys need a tin whistle (in D). Whistles are available locally from Fletchers.



The School Band

We are preparing to play music on St. Patricks Day. Any boy in 3rd-6th can audition for the band once they can master the tune Fáinne Geal an Lae



Afterschool Classes

Mondays—
Beginner Tin Whistle
3rd-6th 2:25-3pm
Thursdays—Chess 5th & 6th 2:20-3:20pm
Block finishes 12th February



Dates for the Diary

Mon 2nd
February—Bank Holiday
Wed 4th
February—School Closure *Curriculum Inservice **Wed 18th-Fri 20th February**—Midterm Break



Communion Mass

Pupils preparing for First Holy Communion are asked to attend mass this weekend at 6.30pm in St. Michaels Church.