

22/10/18

Dear Parents/Guardians,

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Tracton First Holy Communion Ceremony will be held on **Saturday 18th May, 2019** at **11.00am** in the **Sacred Heart Church, Minane Bridge**. We wish to remind parents/guardians of First Holy Communion children that they have been invited by Canon Murphy to attend a meeting **this evening, Monday 22nd October** at **6.30pm** in **Knocknamanagh N.S.**

DRUMMING WORKSHOP (Junior Infants to Sixth Classes)

The pupils are enjoying their weekly Drumming Workshop with Fergal O'Connor. We wish to remind parents/guardians that the fee for the Workshop is now due. If you haven't already done so, please submit payment (**€10.00 p/child**), using the *e-payment facility* or, alternatively, there is also the option of *forwarding the money to your eldest child's class teacher*. This initiative is being subsidised by the Parents' Association.

HALLOWE'EN / POLLING DAY / MID-TERM BREAK

As previously advised, the school will be closed this **Friday 26th October** as the building is being used as a polling centre for the upcoming presidential election. Children may come to school on **Thursday 25th October** dressed up in **Hallowe'en costume** and we request a donation of **€2**. Half the proceeds will go to a local charity and the other half will go towards the HOPE Foundation. School will be closed for the mid-term break from **Monday 29th October** until **Friday 2nd November**, inclusive. Please note that pupils will finish school at the normal time on Thursday 25th October, i.e. 2pm for Junior/Senior Infants and 3pm for all other classes.

CHRISTMAS TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME

We have arranged to take **all pupils** from Junior Infants to Sixth Class to see **Cinderella** at **The Everyman Palace Theatre** on **Wednesday 19th December**. We will be attending the **11.00am** performance. The whole school will be attending and the Parents Association has kindly offered to subsidise this trip by paying for the buses. Tickets to the show cost **€15** per pupil. ***For ease of payment and to assist with administration, the school is facilitating e-payment in respect of this collection. You will receive a text tomorrow with related payment advice details.*** Alternatively, there is also the option, if you wish, of forwarding the money to your eldest child's class teacher. Please note that, in order to secure the booking and confirm numbers, **Friday 16th November** is the designated date for final collection of money.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association would like to thank those who attended its AGM on Tuesday 2nd October. It would also like to acknowledge, with gratitude, everyone who supported the recent Clothes Collection Fund Raiser. Please note that the Parents' Association now has a Facebook account which can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/minane-bridge-ns-parents-association>

The following upcoming fundraising events are being organised by the P.A.:-

- ***KNOCKNAMANAGH SCHOOL CALENDAR***

As you are aware, the Parents' Association is producing a calendar for 2019 featuring our school's students. Each page of the calendar will contain a group photograph of all students in the school who celebrate their birthday during that particular month. Please note that student details **will not** be included in the calendar.

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The Parents' Association would like to invite local businesses to advertise in the calendar. The cost per advert is €75. Please contact 087-2653322 to book an advert.

- **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Once again, the school is taking part in the *Christmas Cards for Schools Project*. Each pupil has designed a unique Christmas card which will be available for families to purchase in packs of 10. The proceeds from this event will go towards the funding and subsidising of various school activities. Once again, we are very grateful to the Parents' Association for organising this venture and look forward to everyone's support.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Further to previous HS note, we wish to remind parents/guardians that under the Education Welfare Act 2000, the school must be informed of the reason for all absences. **Please ensure your child brings a note to class teacher following an absence.** If your child has been absent for 20 days or more, please be mindful that the school is obliged to notify TUSLA (*Educational Welfare Services, Child & Family Agency*). Good attendance benefits your child's progress and establishes good work patterns for later life. Traditionally, school attendance is strong in Knocknamanagh N.S. and we hope to maintain this throughout the entire school year.

Yours faithfully,

Con O'Callaghan
Principal