

06/11/18

Dear Parent / Guardian,

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

As previously advised, this year's Parent/Teacher meetings will be held next week on **WEDNESDAY 14TH AND THURSDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER** between **2.00pm** and **4.00pm**. Children will finish and leave school at **1.45pm** on each of these days. The usual school bus provision will operate at this time. Please note, once again, the appointment procedure:-

A sheet with Appointment Times will be placed outside each classroom today, Tuesday 6th November. Parents may come into the school during school hours and select appointment time(s). Should parents have difficulty securing a suitable time slot, please advise class teacher in writing and a mutually convenient time will be arranged.

SOCIAL PERSONAL & HEALTH EDUCATION (S.P.H.E.) – GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICE

As part of the school's **S.P.H.E. Programme**, teachers will be speaking to pupils once again on the importance of hand washing and hygiene etiquette in order to prevent the spread of infection, e.g. vomiting bug, etc. Children will be reminded that hands should always be washed thoroughly after going to the bathroom and that good hand washing habits will protect against infection. We request that parents/guardians encourage this practice at home as good hand washing is the single most effective tool in decreasing the spread of infections. We also wish to advise parents/guardians that, in order to avoid spreading infection to others, **please do not send your child to school if he/she is unwell**. Thank you for your co-operation.

FOLENS CHRISTMAS ANNUALS

Orders are now being taken for the Folens Christmas Annuals.

- Súgradh – Junior / Senior Infants
- Spraioi – 1st / 2nd Class
- Siamsa – 3rd / 4th Class
- Sonas – 5th / 6th Class

The annuals cost **€4** each. Should you wish to place an order, please forward this amount to your child's teacher no later than **Wednesday 14th November**.

GET GOING...GET ROWING PROGRAMME (Sixth Class)

We are delighted to be one of the lucky schools selected by Rowing Ireland and Cork Sports Partnership to participate in the **Get Going...Get Rowing Programme** which is being run across a limited number of Cork primary schools during the 2018/19 school year. The aim of the programme is to introduce **6th class children** to the sport of rowing in a supportive environment. The pupils will receive 3 structured coaching sessions by a Rowing Ireland certified community coach in the National Rowing Centre in Farran as well as water session. These sessions will commence on **Monday 26th November** and will continue for the following two Mondays. The water session will be held in **March 2019**. In addition, pupils have been invited to take part in a Rowing Blitz event which will take place on **Friday 14th December** in the Model Farm Road. The cost of this activity is **€10 per child**. *For ease of payment and to assist with administration, the school is facilitating e-payment in respect of this collection. Sixth class families 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 child's class teacher. **Thursday 23rd November** is the designated date for final collection of money. We would like to thank the Parents' Association who are subsidising this activity by paying for the bus transport to Farran and Model Farm Road.

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CHRISTMAS TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME

As previously advised, **all pupils** from Junior Infants to Sixth Class will be going 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. If you haven't already done so, can you please submit payment either through the *e-payment* facility or by 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.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RECITAL

A School Christmas Recital will take place on **Tuesday 18th December at 7.00pm** in **the Sacred Heart Church, Minane Bridge**. Pupils and staff are busy preparing for this festive event and we look forward to welcoming families on the night. Please note that all children must be accompanied and supervised by parents/guardians.

Yours faithfully,

Con O'Callaghan
School Principal

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