



Parking

Once again we've had some complaints from neighbours about the parking on Washington Lane and surrounding roads. Please be mindful that we're in the middle of a residential area and take care when you're parking that you don't block driveways or obstruct access to houses.

Meeting teachers

If you have an issue and you need to discuss it with a teacher, please make an appointment with the teacher through Nikki or with the teacher. It is not appropriate or fair to 'doorstep' an unsuspecting staff member when they are least expecting it! It can also be very upsetting and unsettling for all involved!

Choir concert

There will be a concert in Rathfarnham Church on Sunday 7th May at 7 p.m. The school choir has been invited to take part and we will be singing three songs at the concert. We hope that we get lots of support from school!



Welcome back to school!

The summer term is always everyone's favourite term in school as we get to spend more time outside and have lots of different activities. It's a very busy term as we finish classwork, have assessments and tests and make the most of the brighter days and (we hope) good weather. Each class will have a school trip, we have our Active Week with Sports Day being a highlight and 6th class will be looking forward to their end of year play and barbecue. Please keep an eye on the school website and blog and the calendar for updates on all that's going on.

Crazy Hair Day

We are having a Crazy Hair Day in aid of Pieta House on Friday 28th April so get planning those hairdos! We ask all children to bring in a contribution on the day.





Hockey

Hockey ended last term with the teams enjoying great success. Well done to all involved on representing the school so well.



Pupil Insurance

The PTA pays for 24 hour pupil personal accident insurance for every child enrolled in the school. This means that in the event that your child has an accident which necessitates attending a service such as Swift Care a claim can be made to cover these expenses. The children have full 24 hour cover so applies to out of school hours too. More details from the PTA if you feel you might need to make a claim.

Primary Curriculum Framework Launch

On 9th March we were privileged to have been invited to attend the NCCA's official launch of the new Primary Curriculum Framework with the Minister of Education, Norma Foley. Five of our pupils from 6th class were invited along with Mr. Leonard and Mrs. Perdue. Two of our pupils, Lauren Glover and Jack Brady, joined the minister for a panel discussion on school and education. As usual the children were great representatives and we were very proud of them.



Some Dates for your diary...

- 28th April - Crazy Hair Day for Pieta House
- 15th May - Junior & Senior Infant trip to Jumpzone
- 17th May - School photographer
- 20th May - Rathfarnham Parish Fete
- 22nd-24th May - 6th class trip to Carlingford
- 25th May - 3rd & 4th trip to GoQuest
- 6th-9th June - Active Week
- 12th June - 5th class trip to Alive Outside
- 14th June - Junior & Senior Infant trip to the Zoo
- 16th June - 1st & 2nd class trip to Forest Club
- 23rd June - Choir trip to Clara Lara
- 23rd June - 6th Class barbecue
- 27th June - 5th & 6th Class play
- 28th June - End of year assembly and graduation
- 29th June - End of term at 12 noon

Closures

There will be two additional closures this term to facilitate staff CPD in the Primary Language Curriculum and the new Primary Curriculum Framework

School will be closed for the full day on **Tuesday 2nd May**.

School will close early (12 noon) on **Friday 2nd June**.

Parish Fête

Rathfarnham Parish Fête is on Saturday 20th May in The High School, Rathgar. This is a great day out and there are lots of stalls with great bargains and fun activities. The school staff runs the burger and hot dog stall so please come along and say hello!

Helpers are always needed for the fete so if you can help in any way, please let us know.



End of term

School will close for the summer holidays on Thursday 29th June at 12 noon

Cash for Clobber and Lost Property

There are still a lot of unclaimed belongings in school and some of them have been here for a long time!

The PTA is organising a clothes recycling collection soon and all lost property that is unclaimed at that time will be included in the collection. So please take a few minutes when you're in school on Friday to check the lost property for your children's belongings - otherwise they will be gone!

Cricket

Unfortunately cricket will not go ahead this term due to a lack of numbers. We hope to get it up and running again next summer.

Tag Rugby

Tag Rugby will be starting for 6 weeks on 25th April for boys in 2nd-6th classes. This will be held in The High School and the cost is €20 to include tag shorts. If you're interested please email rugbyprimary@highschool.ie as soon as possible with the following information:

- Name of child and parent
- Contact Number
- Age
- School and class
- Rugby club membership (please list club)

Chewing Gum

Chewing gum is not permitted in school, please don't allow children to bring it in.

Reminder

The Board of Management relies heavily on financial support from parents to maintain the high standards we have in the school. While the capitation grant has gone up a bit, energy and general costs have also risen so we are still dependent on this support.

If you haven't paid the voluntary contribution this year you might consider doing so now. It can be in instalments - any contribution is very welcome.

Thank you.