

ST.MARY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

DUNLECKNEY RD, BAGENALSTOWN, CARLOW



Dear Parents,

This newsletter comes to you with the hope that you are all continuing to stay well and safe during this time.

During this final term at school we usually plan for sports day, school tours, book lists for the next school year, prepare for the Children's Choral Service (which this year we were due to host), have class parties, prepare an end of year service with our 6th class students and mark the important milestone of leaving Primary School for our 6th class students with a service, gift and party. This year most of the above is continuing to take place, albeit in a virtual capacity.

2020 – 21 SCHOOL CALENDAR

At the time of writing this newsletter, it is with regret that a school calendar for the next school year cannot be issued with confidence. Advice from the DES has not yet been received as to how and when our schools can reopen and what protocols will need to be put in place for this to be done safely.

Our ambition is to reopen on Thursday 27th August for all students with our new Junior Infant students coming to the school on Wednesday 26th August for a short induction period. I must stress this is on the provision that our insurance company will allow for this and that it is compliant with the DES guidelines to all schools.

FAREWELL TO 6TH CLASS



It is with great sadness that we cannot give our 6th class students the send off and farewell get together they all deserve. Our end of year service will continue via Zoom call, along with a special gift sent to each student.

BOOK RENTAL & SCHOOL REPORTS

Book Lists will be issued to families next week. We ask that you inform the school before **Friday 19th June** if you wish to be included in the Book Rental Scheme for next year. Should you not do so, your child will **not** have school-books ordered for them under this scheme. Payment of Book Rental books will be requested for in September.

At this time of year school reports are traditionally prepared. This year is no exception. School reports will be issued before the end of June. Teachers have been writing school reports based upon how students performed up until the end of March 2020. Standardized school tests were not issued this year as per a DES Directive.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

St.Mary's National School — Dunleckney Rd, B:
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Our School



Student school photographs have been delivered to Mrs. Mc Geeney's home and will be distributed to students when we return in Autumn.

Our 6th class students will have their photos sent to their home.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Polly Blake who won a Merit in her class category in the "Write a Book" competition. Her entry will now be published in a book as an anthology of winning stories from 6th class pupils.

Well done to all the students who have been participating in the virtual sports day events using the Healthy Kidz app. Your involvement in these activities are commended. Winners will receive their gifts through An Post in the coming weeks.

A word of thanks is owed to you all. Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

Kathy McGeeney