



Parteen National School

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School Community Newsletter May and June 2019

Easter and Summer Camp

Ms. Cuddy and Ms. O' Donovan ran a multi-activity Easter Camp in Parteen National School. Great fun was had by all. Their **summer camp** will also be open to all classes in the school. It will also be open to the incoming Junior Infants and this will be a great opportunity for the new children to get to know the school and each other. Booking information will be published shortly.

Renovations

All the internal doors in the main building were replaced over the Easter Holidays. Additional fire safety upgrade works took place. The total cost, including fees, was in the region of €60,000 and we are grateful to the Department of Education for fully funding this.

I.T. Upgrade

Last year we purchased three 65inch Interactive Panels for three rooms. Four more have been ordered so all classrooms in the main building will have one. These replace traditional blackboards/ whiteboards.

Car Park

Thank you to Cllr. Cathal Crowe for organising Clare County Council to resurface the front car park over the Easter Holidays. Thank you to the staff of Clare Co. Council for their work.

Summer Works Scheme

We are applying to have new tarmacadam put down under the Summer Works Scheme.

Sensory Room

The sensory room should be open within the next week. Thank you to Mr. Crowe for organising this.

Play Area

Planning permission has been granted (26/4/19) for our play area. We have to wait four weeks since the decision in case there are any further objections. We will then be able to order the fencing and play equipment.

Garden

Thank you to all staff for organising the planting of the vegetable garden. Great fun was had planting and the children will enjoy watching their vegetables grow. Thank you to Mr. Crowe for organising this.

Relax Kids Club

Thank you to Miss Barry and Laura Corcoran who will run a 'Relax Kids' club for children in Senior Infants and 1st Class, starting on Tuesday 21st May. Relax Kids is a relaxation programme, aimed at helping children to feel confident and calm, with 7 steps in each class: Movement, Games, Stretching & Balancing (Yoga), Massage (Peer /Self), Breathing, Affirmations and Visualisations. The club will run for a 4 week block and will take place on Tuesdays from 2.40-3.45pm. Miss Barry will be sending out information letters to interested children in May. If you have any questions please see Miss Barry.

Hurling and Camogie

Thank you to Mr. Collins, Ms. Meskell, Mr. Hickey, Ms. Neylon and Ms. O' Keeffe for the hurling and comogie training on Mondays after school. It is open to all children in 3rd-6th Class. Children must be collected promptly at 3.55pm at Parteen G.A.A.

Well done to the 6th Class girls who participated in the mini-sevens football competition on Wednesday, May 8th in Gurteen, Ennis.

Congratulations to the following children who represented Parteen National School in the Primary Game trials: Maeve Millea for camogie, Meadhbh for football, Ruairí Nolan for hurling.

Hockey

On the 14th of May over 40 girls from our Parteen hockey squad will be participating in a hockey blitz in Laurel Hill Secondary school. The blitz will take place between 11am and 1pm. Parteen will play against Laurel Hill, Monaleen N.S., Milford N.S., Lisnagry N.S. and An Mhodhscoil. Please ensure the girls have their gum shields, shin guards and the bus fee of €5 which will be collected on the day. We look forward to some challenging matches where we may even take on some of our former pupils! Let us know if you do not want your child to attend.

Soccer

Congratulations to the girls' soccer team who are in the Munster Finals. Thank you to Mr. Collins and Mr. Hickey for training them and to Ms. Meskell who helped on the recent trip to Ennis.

Write-a-Book

Congratulations to Sophia Lawless and Rebecca McNamara who are receiving awards from Clare Education Centre on the books they wrote.

Scratch

Children from Mr. Collins' 5th class entered several projects into a Scratch programming competition. They were delighted to learn one of the projects from the class has been selected to participate in the Scratch Competition National Finals on Wednesday 15th May 2019 in UL. Check out the project on <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/289958063>



SCRATCH



Attendance

We are consulting on our Attendance Strategy. Please see the Policy Section of www.parteenschool.ie Please review and email your feedback to parteenooffice@gmail.com before May 15th. All feedback will be gathered and brought to the Board of Management who will make the final decision.

March

Boys 94.5% Girls 94%

April

Boys 95.6% Girls 94.5%

School Tours

Please send in the required money as soon as possible using exact change in a sealed envelope with your child's name. Children should wear their school tracksuit and sunscreen/ rain gear as required on the day. No money is to be brought on the tour. Please provide a healthy lunch with some treats and plenty of water. Parents/ guardians, please be on time collecting children.

Class	Date & time	Location	Cost
J1	Thursday, May 30 th 9.15am-1.40pm	Stonehall Pet Farm	€15
SI	Tuesday, May 28 th 9.30am-1.40pm	Ennis Fire Station and Barney's Play Centre	€10
1 st	Tuesday, June 18 th 9am-2.45pm	Moherhill Per Farm	€15
2 nd	Thursday, June 6 th 9am-2.30pm	Bunratty Castle	€25
3 rd	Wednesday, June 19 th 8.30am-3pm	Turroe Per Farm	€25
4 th	Wednesday, June 12 th 8.45am-4.30pm	University of Limerick: Kayaking, outdoor activities. Swim gear, towels and change of clothes required.	€35
5 th	Tuesday, June 11 th 8am-5pm	Tralee: Crag Cave, Blenerville and Aquadome. Swim gear and towels required.	€30

6 th	Tuesday May 28 th 8am-4.45pm	Kilfinnne Outdoor Education: Riverwalk, rockwall, archery, orienteering, team games. Swim gear, towels and change of clothes required.	€40
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Closures

School is closed on May 24th to facilitate the election. School will be closed on May 31st for a School Holiday, Monday June 3rd for the Bank Holiday and Tuesday June 4th for a School Holiday.

T-shirts

The Parents Association are selling Parteen National School t-shirts each morning in the school hall. All sizes are in stock and they cost €9. They will also be for sale the day new parents are coming in to meet us.

New Parents

We will have an information session for parents of children starting with us in September on Monday, May 27th from 1-1.45pm. Children will be invited in on a separate day towards the end of June.

International Soccer

Mr. Hickey will be playing for Cork City Amputee FC in the European Amputee Football Association Champions League in Georgia from May 23rd to May 28th. We congratulate him on this achievement and wish him the best of luck. Ms Quilty will be teaching his class in his absence.

Trespassing

We remind the school community of the notice we published last March. Unfortunately we have had further issues since then and the Gardaí are involved in dealing with them.

We are aware that children and teenagers are trespassing on the school grounds. Up to now, when we became aware, we reviewed CCTV, gave a courtesy call to parents and asked them to ensure their children do not come around again. If they were not known to us we printed the CCTV footage and gave it to the Gardaí to follow-up. However, from now on, we will be informing the Community Gardaí directly and they will be contacting families. There are several reasons for this. The trespassing is causing a disturbance to neighbouring residents. We have had an example of intimidation of a teacher in the school. Our property has been damaged on a number of occasions. The school is private property. We ask that you communicate this to past pupils. Garda Contact Number: 061212400

Confirmation

Congratulations to 6th Class who made their Confirmation. Thank you to Bishop Leahy and Fr. Tom for the ceremony, Ms. Cuddy and Mr. Crowe for all the work in preparing the classes, Ms. Parkinson for preparing the singing, the Parents Association for the refreshments and Catherine for the booklet.

Communion

We wish all the children making their First Holy Communion on May 18th the very best of luck.

School Walk and Recycling

The school walk will take place on Sunday, May 26th at 12noon. It will start from the school, continue to Flash's and go to Ardnacrusha and back via the woods. There will be tea, coffee and ice-cream upon arrival back at the school. Please note that children must be fully supervised by their parents/ guardians both at the school and during the walk. There will be water provided at the half-way point. All children who participate will receive a homework pass. Sponsorship cards will be sent home this week.

Bake Sale

€965 was raised on the last bake sale. Thank you to the Parents Association for organising it and to all who contributed and purchased items. All money raised goes towards the Outdoor Project.

Ardnacrusha Trip

Both 5th classes will go on a tour of Ardnacrusha Power Station. Ms. Curtin's will go on June 26th. They will depart at 10.30am and be back at 2.00pm. Mr. Collins' Class will go on June 27th. They will leave the school at 9am and be back at 12.30pm. Please let the teacher know if you do not want your child to attend. Thank you to both teachers for organising this.

School Reports

Report cards will be issued at the end of June. Please be aware that the vast majority of children are 'Managing Comfortably' and this is the starting point for every teacher. Only when a teacher has evidence to the contrary is a different 'mark' given. Teachers go to great effort in compiling all information to give you a full picture so please take on board any advice given as it is well thought out. **Please remember that the greatest gift anyone can have is a happy, healthy child and that a school report should be taken in context.**

Book Lists

These will be published on the school website under Newsletters before the end of the year. You will receive text notification. Catherine will be in contact with parents regarding the Book Rental Scheme operating in 3rd-6th.

School Calendar

The school calendar for 19/20 will be published on the website in June. You will be notified via text.

Uniform

There are several weeks of school left. It is essential that children come to school in the uniform and do not start coming to school in branded clothing. From all our surveys, this was a key issue – it is unfair on other children if your child comes in to school with branded clothing. We have spares which we can loan children in such an event.

Before you purchase the uniform please see the policy here:

<http://parteenschool.ie/wpcontent/uploads/2016/10/Uniform-Policy.pdf>.

Please note that there is a generic option and an option to buy a crested uniform. Please ensure to read the policy in full and purchase the correct uniform. **N.B. Branded tracksuits are not permitted.**

IEP/s/ IPLPs

If your child has been receiving support for their learning their individual plans are currently being reviewed and the support teacher has been or will be in contact for your feedback. If your child is to receive support next year you will be contacted before the end of this year and will be consulted on your child's plan in September.

Classroom Supplies Money for September 2019

You will receive a text and if you follow the link you will be able to pay the classroom supply money online all at once or in stages. Please note you can pay in installments and €10 is the minimum. We have scheduled four messages to go out to help people pay in stages. If you have paid you will still receive the scheduled messages so please ignore them. You can still pay by cash/ cheque in September if you wish.

Relationships and Sexuality Education

6th Class will have their 'Preparation for Life' workshop in June. Correspondence of topics will be sent to parents in advance.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Thursday June 20th. More details to follow.

Graduation

6th Class Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 26th at 7pm in the church followed by refreshments afterwards. Please note parents are responsible for the supervision of their children on the evening.

Early Closing

School will close for the summer holidays on Friday, June 28th at 12 noon for JI-2nd and 12.15pm for 3rd-6th.

Kind regards

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