

March 2018

# St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

We are already at the end of a very fast term and close for our Easter break this Friday at 12pm.

Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> class and Mr. Barrett on celebrating their First Confession recently. Best of luck to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class who make their confirmation on Saturday.

Yours sincerely,

*Eilís Treacy*

School Principal

## Wall and Field Development

We have had some developments with the fallen wall. Our claim through the insurance was successful and we will now apply to the Department of Education for funding to repair or rebuild the front section of the wall.

This catastrophe is giving us the push to finally develop the field which was purchased when Mrs Dunne was principal. I will host an information meeting for parents on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8:30pm.**

At the meeting I will explain the position so far, engineer recommendations and what advice has been received. I will have examples from other schools who have developed their grounds. I plan on visiting these schools over the Easter holidays and should hopefully have details on the costs involved and the schemes they applied to.

Ideas and aspirations discussed at staff and board level include:

- Community playground (to the front of new field)
- Emergency vehicle access
- Walking track around pitch (available to the community)



## Upcoming Events

### Friday 23rd March

Closing for Easter Holidays

### Saturday 24th March

Confirmation

### Monday 9th April

Parents talk RSE

### Wednesday 11th April

Pupils talk RSE

### Wednesday 18th April

Field development meeting

### Saturday 28th April

First Holy Communion

## Money collections:

Music

€20 to Easter

## Enrolment Sept 2018:

Enrolment forms for next year are available from the school office: Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 11.00am

- Sensory area
- Garden

Engineers looking at our school have told me that most of the money from the insurance and Department of Education will be spent on supporting the structure of the high yard and rebuilding the wall or similar structure. Therefore any developments of the field will need to be sourced elsewhere. I hope to get details of community funding opportunities from other schools who have undertaken similar projects.

If you know of any schools or community groups who have taken on a similar venture, I would welcome any information you can bring to the meeting. The meeting is open to all parents: past, present and future. We welcome any thoughts, ideas and above all funding opportunities!

## RSE

Next term we have two evenings listed for RSE.

The primary school curriculum contains the subject Social, Personal and Health Education and includes the element of Relationships and Sexuality Education. Our Boards of Management have an obligation to provide your son/daughter with a life-skills programme which includes instruction in sex education.

In this regard we have invited Noel Kearney to come for two sessions to deliver this programme to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils and their parents.

This programme is offered every second year to 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class. This year it will be held in Clonfert Hall.

## School Writing Competition

You may have heard your child talking about the writing competition. Today we will award the winners of our third writing competition. We will have 5 winners, one from each level (infants, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) and a wildcard from any class. Each winner receives a certificate and €20 cash. This terms writing genre was Procedure and a great effort was put in by all pupils. The winners will be announced in assembly today.

## Confirmation

This Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will be confirmed along with Clonfert NS in Clonfert Church. They have all put a great effort into their preparation and met with Bishop Kirby last week. They have filled scrapbooks, created lovely pictures and designed the artwork (pictured). They have also pledged a portion of their gift money to a school in a remote village called Churwi in Tanzania. They have proved themselves to be a very mature, caring and special class and we all wish them well on their special day.

