

# St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

The school year is racing by and we have schools tours, sports days and end of year activities scheduled on the right.

Next week we will announce the venues of the school tours along with all the details and prices. Rest assured two great tours are planned.

We are into our final term and we want to have our accounts up to date for the summer. **€20** is due for music this term. If you are unsure if there is further money owed, give Patricia a call.

Yours sincerely,

*Éilís Treacy*

School Principal

## End of Year Activities

This last term is possibly the busiest time of the year, teachers are trying to finish up the years curriculum, testing has to be carried out, reports written and of course all the end of year fun activities have to be included as well.

Over the next few weeks 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will complete their standardised **testing**. This is a measure of your child's attainment and a means to check that your child is progressing through the curriculum. It also helps us to plan for the year ahead, identify needs in classes and prioritise classes and groups for extra support.

Teachers use the findings of the tests to plan their own teaching. Your child's result will be on their **report card**. The report cards will be posted home and should arrive by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The **Infant Open Day** is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June this year. Juniors, seniors and 1<sup>st</sup> class will go home at **12pm** that day. The new infants and

## Upcoming Events

### Friday 24th May

Closed for Elections

### Wed 5th June

Cash for Clobber

### Friday 7th June

Infant Open Day

### Thurs 13th June

Junior School Tour

### Monday 24th June

End of year assembly and Graduation

### Tuesday 25th June

Sports Day

### Wed 26nd June

Senior School Tour

### Thursday 27th June

Closing for summer

## Money collections

### Music

€20 each term.

€60 for year.

## School Office

Monday – Thursday

09:00 – 11:00

their parents will visit the school at 1pm. The **Schoolwear Centre** will be in the school from 1-3:30pm that day if any parent wishes to order or try on uniform jumpers.

**Hurling and Camogie** championships are being played out this term. The boys play a blitz tomorrow (Friday) against Mullagh, Ballinakill and Gortanumra. They are playing 7 aside and we have a great panel this year who have been training hard.

The girls have played their blitz against Ballymana and Carabane. A year makes a huge difference and it's hard to believe the girls beat Ballymana last year in the county final.

The senior boys and girls still have a two mixed tournaments to play. They are taking part in the Garda tournament in Carabane on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May and the Joyce Shield is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

Due to the success of the collection in November and the Marie Kondo effect in many houses, we are holding a second **Cash for Clobber** collection this year on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We have accumulated many bags already and you can drop in your old clothes, shoes and bed linen to us any day until the 5<sup>th</sup>.

We plan on having our **Sports Day** on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This is a weather dependent date and if we have a good spell beforehand, we might move it forward. Pupils will need a potato and spoon (labelled with name), tights or scarf for 3 legged race and hurl for the long puck.

**School Tours** will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

We plan to announce the tours next week with all the details.

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of June at 1:30pm we will have our **End of Year Assembly**. Parents are welcome to attend. We will celebrate various achievements and awards within the school and continue with the **Graduation** ceremony for 6<sup>th</sup> class and their families.

## Classes and Staffing for 2018-2019

We were delighted to have Ms Kearns with us this year covering Mrs Greaney's maternity leave. She will be with us until the summer holidays.

Mrs Greaney was granted a career break for next year. We will be appointing a temporary teacher to this position for the year. It will be advertised and interviewed for over the summer. Parents will be informed as soon as a teacher is appointed.

Mr Barrett will resume teaching 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class next year and the senior room will return to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class taught by Ms Treacy.

Mrs Barrett is our support teacher. Through referrals from psychologists, speech and language therapists, teacher observations, parental concerns and the standardised tests; the staff decide on the priority needs of the school. Mrs Barrett takes groups and individuals for extra support as it is identified.

## English Curriculum Follow-Up Inspection

We had an English Curriculum inspection in October 2016. The report is still available to view [https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Inspection-Reports-Publications/Curriculum-Evaluations-in-Primary-Schools/15997P\\_CEM\\_1037\\_20161028.pdf](https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Inspection-Reports-Publications/Curriculum-Evaluations-in-Primary-Schools/15997P_CEM_1037_20161028.pdf) . We had three recommendations: Oral Language, Assessment and Special Educational Needs provision.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> we were informed we would have our follow up inspection on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had the inspector Christina Casserly with us all day, observing a lesson each, talking to the pupils, reading our notes and policies. A draft of the report came to us before the Easter holidays and overall we made good progress on the recommendations. That report will be online and available to view in the next few weeks.