



Hot Lunches



The Lunch Bag have announced some changes to their menu - starting in the coming weeks there will be a number of new options that will be on offer to children including chicken casserole; vegetable and lentils; broccoli bake; Mexican wrap; BBQ hot potato and chicken paella. **Reminder to parents - if you know your child won't be in school due to holidays/appointments etc. that you cancel their lunch.** Otherwise a default lunch will be sent to the school for them. Please find a link for a radio segment that aired in February from RTE 1 Drive Time that highlighted the Lunch Bag as leaders in their industry.

Have a listen here:

<https://www.rte.ie/radio/radio1/clips/22489584/>

Lá Glas



We will have a Lá Glas **tomorrow** to celebrate St Patrick's weekend. **Children are invited to wear green/Irish colours.** Fr. David has invited the children to attend mass tomorrow at 11 am as there is no family mass planned for the month of March in Feakle Church. Well done to the PA for organising the craft-a-ganza in the community hall last Sunday to prepare for the St. Patrick's Day parade. We hope that all enjoyed and are looking forward to marching in the parade on Monday.

Swimming



Both the middle and senior rooms have completed 2 of their 5 week swimming block. They will finish before the Easter break. Thank you to all parents who have paid for lessons - **we would ask that any outstanding money be paid as soon as possible.**

Enrolment

We would ask that **enrolment applications are returned to the school before the Easter holidays - Thursday 10 April.**

World Book Day



The school celebrated World Book Day last week. **We had a lovely assembly in the hall showing each classroom which characters we had dressed up as and talking about some of our favourite books.** There is a lovely reading culture in the school which is so important for children. The community is lucky to have Scariff Library so close by - we would encourage all children to visit the library and borrow books. It is a wonderful library. Well done to all our winners who were drawn at random to receive a book of their choice. We hope all the rest of the children have used their book tokens that they received on Friday. They can be spent in most book stores until March 23rd.

Half Day Closure

The school will close at 12 pm on Friday **March 28th** to allow for staff planning for the new Bí Cineálta procedures that all schools are working on this year.

As part of this review we are asking parents to complete a short survey available until Friday **March 21st**. The survey is available using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/3Sj44DQVsF>

Scoil Mhuire an Fhiacail

Sacrament Celebration



Second class received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a lovely ceremony in Kilclaren Church on Tuesday February 25th with Fr. David. **The Holy Communion mass will take place on Saturday May 10th at 11am in St. Mary's Church, Feakle.**

The Confirmation class is also busy preparing. **The Confirmation Ceremony will take place on Friday May 2nd at 3pm.** The ceremony will be led by Bishop Fintan Monahan. The school choir will participate in the mass so we will be asking that children remain on after school that day. Teachers will bring the children to the church from school. More details will follow closer to the ceremony. The confirmation children will attend a confirmation retreat **with pupils from Dromindoorra and Flagmount schools on Monday April 7th.** The retreat will take place here in the school.

We keep all the children receiving the sacraments in our prayers over the coming weeks and months - particularly during the season of Lent.

Savings Cards

As Post Offices are no longer selling stamps for Cyril Savings Scheme we have sent home all cards with children today. These cards can be lodged to post office accounts.

County Photos

We avail of school photos every two years and we are due photos this year. **County Photos will take photos of children on Monday April 7th.** Proofs of photos will be sent home to all families - there is no obligation to purchase the photos.

RSE Lessons

This term all classes are working on RSE (relationship and sexuality education) lessons. Links to the content covered will be found here:

Link on the different class levels - focusing on the growing and changing and wonder of new life lessons:

<https://www.pdst.ie/primary/health-wellbeing/RSE>

Special Education Review Meetings

Ms. Brady is currently organising review meetings with some parents of children who are receiving support in different curriculum areas. This is normally done at this time of year - she will be in contact to arrange meetings with parents if necessary.

PE

A **6 week block** of hurling coaching will commence at the end of April for 6 weeks.

Jade has finished a 7 week block of gymnastics with all classes. A video recap is on the school website.

Bingo

The school hope to organise another Bingo fundraising night before the end of this term. The proposed date is April 4th in the Community Hall. It was a really enjoyable night last year and very well supported. We hope to see you there.

Dates for your diary

14 March	Lá Glas & Mass
17 March	Closed
21 March	Bí Cineálta Survey deadline
28 March	Half day - Staff planning
7 April	County Photos & Retreat
10 April	Enrolment deadline
11 April	Half day - Easter holidays