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NEWSLETTER - June 2021

Upcoming School Closings:

Closing: **Thursday, June 24th at 12 noon** - Summer Holidays.

Re-opening: **Thursday, 26th August at 9.20a.m.**

Slán agus Beannacht to our Sixth Class:

Best wishes for the future to our Sixth Class pupils Abbie, Alexandru, Alison, Amy, Ava, Billy, Caoimhe M., Caoimhe O' C., Ciara, David L., David O' C., Ella M., Ella S., Emma, Gavin, Jack, Liam, Lukas, Luke, Mary, Max, Michael, Pearce, Ronan, Ruairí and Thomas. We wish you all happiness and success in your Post-Primary Schools. We will be celebrating a special mass for Sixth Class pupils on **Wednesday, 23rd June at 10.00am** mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church to mark their graduation. Due to government restrictions, we are not able to invite parents or other students to the mass. The mass will be live streamed on the parish webcam, so we hope that you will be able to join us virtually.

Second Hand Book Sale/ Book Rental/ Starlight books:

Unfortunately, our second-hand book sale cannot take place this year. If you wish to purchase or sell second hand books, staff will facilitate this on your behalf. Please ensure that your child brings a list of books for sale or a list of second hand books required to school next week. Please feel free to email your child's class teacher regarding this also.

Please remind children to bring books to school for sale/ money to purchase books. Please write the book title that you require and send the appropriate fee to school in a labelled envelope and your child's teacher will facilitate the sale/purchase of books. Recommended selling price is half price on Book List (rounded off).

Pupils in senior classes are asked to return the school Starlight books next week.

A word of thanks to our Parents' Association:

Thanks to our Parents' Association members for your tremendous help and support during the 2020/2021 school year. Thanks to our Parents' Association members, Chairperson Mr. Derek O' Leary, Treasurer Ms. Claire Troth, Secretary Mrs. Geraldine O' Halloran and all the class representatives who have been working hard behind the scenes with fundraising events throughout the year. Our Parents' Association will be using funds for the payment of Pupil Personal Accident Insurance for each pupil during the summer holidays. We are delighted to learn that our indoor soccer goalposts will be arriving at the school during the summer break. We look forward to pupils using these upon their return to school in the autumn. Thanks also to our Parents' Association for making such a generous donation towards the purchase of the sweaters for our Sixth Class pupils and for organising the lovely gift for our Third Class pupils to mark their First Holy Communion that was held in December 2020. Thanks to our Parents' Association for their commitment to the school's fundraising and thanks to you all for your generous support.

Pupil Information- Contact Details: Please forward any new contact details (mobile numbers, addresses) to the school at your earliest convenience and we will update our Aladdin system and Primary Online Database accordingly.

Active School Week/ Sports Day:

Active School Week took place from 9th June -11th June, as part of the Active School Flag initiative. Activities included Sports Days for the junior classes. Senior Class teachers will be in contact regarding Sports Day. Further details will be circulated to all pupils. Unfortunately we are unable to hold our annual Sports Day together. This year we have had to stagger the class activities. Thanks to all at Kilcummin GAA for the use of the pitches for our Sport Days and fun activities. We will be extending the activities of Active week over the next few weeks for safety reasons.

Department Inspection- Supporting the Safe Provision of School:

Congratulations to all the pupils of Kilcummin N.S. for their excellent knowledge of our Covid-19 Response plan and for their ongoing commitment to same. We welcomed our Department of Education inspector, Ms. Eavan O' Donoghue, to the school on 10th May. Kilcummin N.S. was fully compliant with all areas covered in the inspection. A report of our SSPS visit will be published on the Department website shortly. A special word of thanks to our Lead Worker Representative, Mr. Kelliher, for the outstanding work that he has done throughout the year. Thanks to all the staff for ensuring that the school is clean and safe for all. Thanks to all of our pupils for adhering to all the rules and regulations throughout the year- you have all been outstanding! Well done!

Jersey Day:

We will be holding a 'Jersey Day' on Friday, 18th June, to show our support for our County team. This will be a non-uniform day. We look forward to seeing lots of green and gold. Ciarraí abú!

Headlice:

A reminder to all to check hair regularly for headlice. Please notify the school if you become aware of any incidents of headlice. .

Class Groupings 2021/2022:

To facilitate class groupings in the 2021/2022 school year, the division of classes will be as follows: Junior Infants; Senior Infants; First Class; Second Class/Third Class; Fourth Class/Fifth Class; Fifth Class/ Sixth Class.

Please be assured that class appropriate programmes are taught in all class groupings. We will not be able to mix class pods and bubbles, but we are planning to inform all children of their new class arrangements during the coming week. We anticipate your co-operation with this arrangement to ensure a smooth transition into the school year 2021/2022.

As mentioned, Kilcummin N.S. will close for summer holidays on Thursday, June 24th at 12 noon for all pupils.

Please ensure that your child collects all personal items e.g. coats, cardigans, lunchboxes etc. Several items of clothing remain in the school.

On behalf of all the staff and management, we wish you all a very safe, healthy and enjoyable summer. Thank you all for your help and co-operation during this challenging year. Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday, 26th August. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Gillian Sheehan
Principal and Staff