

## May 2024 Newsletter

**Singing in the Atrium** A huge thank you to pupils and parents who came to perform in the Clayton Hotel on Saturday. As always, the pupils were fantastic.



### Active Week 29<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

What can I say: Tennis, Hockey, Soccer, Irish Dancing, Orienteering, Karate, Olympic Handball, Skipping, Tag Rugby, Modern Dance & our new school dance. It was a very busy and hugely enjoyable week. We are extremely grateful to Mrs. Daunt, Miss Murphy & Mrs. Horgan for their meticulous planning and to our visiting instructors who gave so freely of their time.

**Standardised Tests** will take place in all classes from 1st to 6th class in May.

Drumcondra Primary Reading: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Drumcondra Spelling Test: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Drumcondra Primary Maths: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

It is important to remember that standardised tests such as these form **only one part** of the 'jigsaw of information' about your child's overall progress.

The school gleans much important information from a variety of valuable sources e.g. routine observation, class/individual tasks, class participation, various assignments/homework, teacher-designed tasks and tests, other tests/reports/feedback.

**Bingo Night** We are really looking forward to our Bingo night in the school hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We will have lots of practice in school to sharpen our number skills! More details to follow.

### School Uniform

As is tradition in St. Mary's NS, pupils may wear their own clothes from **Tuesday 4th June** until the summer holidays. We ask that pupils dress appropriately for activities and wear suitable footwear for walking and running.

### ISSA Sports

Inter Schools Athletics competition will take place on **Thursday 6th June** in Munster Technological University. Participating pupils may leave school early on the day. School will close for all at **12 noon** to allow staff and pupils to attend. This is always a lovely family event and we encourage all to come along.

**School Tracksuits** will be available in the school hall on **Thursday 20th June** 1.30pm to 2: 30pm.  
Cash **only on the day**

**6th Class Graduation Assembly** will take place on **Thursday 13th June** at 11.30am in St. Mary's Church, Carrigaline. 6th Class parents and families are welcome, we hope to serve refreshments afterwards in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Weather permitting pupils from 2nd to 5th will also attend this service.

**School Calendar 2024-25** is now available to view on Aladdin Connect. Starting date for pupils is **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.

### **Stationary Requirements 2024/25**

*The Free Primary Schoolbooks Scheme* in primary schools is in operation again this year. It is still the case that parents will no longer be required to make any contribution towards the cost of schoolbooks, including the cost of any workbooks and copybooks. However, the funding for this scheme was reduced by €16 per pupil this year. This will seriously impact on the ability of schools to fund replacing damaged books, implementing changes to the curriculum & upgrading to newer & more relevant versions of books. We are extremely disappointed with this move to further undermine the funding of our schools.

Therefore, we ask parents to supply items on their child's stationary list & contribute €12 towards printing & photocopying.

All current book scheme books will be collected by **Wednesday 19th June**. Please ensure book scheme books are returned if any family will be away.

**Our Allianz Pupil Personal Accident School Group Insurance policy 2024/2025** covers your child for medical and dental expenses, which you incur following an accident, that are not recoverable from another source.

You are invited to join our Allianz Pupil Personal Accident School Group Insurance policy. The cost is €9 per child. Payment link on Aladdin to follow.

- 24/7 protection – the 24-hour option covers your child 365 days a year.
- No Excess applies to our pupil personal accident policy ensuring you can claim all insured expenses, not recoverable from another source, and not just a portion of them.
- Medical & dental expense benefits of up to €50,000 each.

### **Summer Term Dates**

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday Monday
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	ISSA Sports School closes @ <b>12noon</b>
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Reports will issue via Aladdin Connect
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tracksuits for Sale 1.30pm to 2:30pm
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (If wet 19 <sup>th</sup> June) <b>School closes @1pm</b>
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Holidays @ <b>12noon</b>

### **Class Allocation 2024/25**

Junior Infants	Mrs. McCarthy
Senior Infants	Miss Murphy
1st Class	Mrs. Morrissy
2nd Class	Mr. O'Donovan
3rd Class	Mrs. Daunt
4th Class	Mrs. Shilling
5th Class	Mr. Twomey
6th Class	Ms. O'Sullivan
Junior ASD Class	Mrs. Horgan
Senior ASD Class	Ms. O'Leary
SET	Ms Patterson
SET	Mrs. O' Farrell
SET	TBC