

9th June 2014

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Just a few items for your information.

Open Afternoon for New Infants

This will be held on Wednesday 11th June for 2.15 -> 3.00 in the Junior Infant prefab.

All new families and new pupils from existing families are most welcome.

Senior Class 4th/5th/6th Class Play

The senior pupil's production of "The Elves and the Shoemaker" will be performed for parents and friends on Thursday 12th June at 2.15pm. Admission €2 for adults and children free. Everyone welcome.

A great big congratulations to all the infant pupils who did so very well in their own version of Humpty Dumpty last week. Didn't they do well! They all looked so cute!

6th Class Graduation

6th class presentation of certificates will take place on Friday 13th June at 2.30pm in the senior classroom. Pupils will wear graduation gowns and caps and there will be a short slide show showing highlights from their year in 6th class. Don't miss it!

Last week of Term

This is bike week. On Wednesday 13th June, Ardee Bike Club will be giving us a cycle workshop in school. Remember to bring your bike so that you can take part. We also did this workshop last year and it was very successful.

Multicultural Day

We are hoping to have some multicultural events on Tuesday 17th June. We will be inviting some of our families from other nations to come and show us their costume, dance, music, traditions and food. This is very much a fun time for all, that we look forward to each year.

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who returned the school uniform questionnaire. The response was an overwhelming yes to keeping our school uniform as it is. In response to the questionnaire answers, we have asked McEvoy's, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk to stock crests separately as well as on our jumpers.

School Book Rental

The Department of Education provided some funding towards the cost of school book rental schemes this year. The funding was not enough to cover the cost of all school books. However we will do our best to provide the best possible scheme that we can. Due to the fact that the funding was late being paid and has not been as much as expected we are only able to get School Book Rental Scheme details to you now. We are asking for your co-operation to return completed forms to us as soon as possible so we can order books before the end of term.

We need to do this so that pupils can have school books at the start of the new school year. Hopefully in future years we will be able to do this much sooner. We are using the School Book Scheme Policy and Conditions recommended for use in other schools where there are existing school book schemes in operation.

In order to make up the deficit between the funding available from the Department of Education and the actual cost of providing our school book rental scheme we are asking that families donate used books (only those pupils have not written in) from this year or any previous years. Hopefully this will make up this shortfall. School books may be left in the School Office.

We will be ordering our supply of school books on Wednesday 18th June 2014. Therefore you need to let us know if you wish to rent by Tuesday 17th June 2014. If we do not get a complete form from you by this date will assume that you intend to buy your own books and not avail of book rental. After this date you will not be included in this year's school book rental.

Rental payment and rental deposits for this year will be due on Monday 25th August 2014.

Pupils will be given their rental books on Tuesday 26th August 2014 in class by their class teacher.

Those who have not paid rental fee and deposits will not be given books until rental fee is full paid.

If you wish to pay your rental fee and rental deposit fee before school ends on 26th June 2014 you may do so in the school office. By doing so you will be spreading the cost of you back to school expenses for the next school year.

Thank you for your co-operation.

With kind regards,

Ann Middleton
Principal