



Easter Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This term has been a very unusual term with remote learning and only returning to school this month. However, it is great to all be back in our classes and to hear the sound of learning and laughter in our school once again. With your continued support and adherence to Public Health Advice and Government Guidelines we hope that our school will remain open.

Best wishes to you all for a safe and happy Easter.

Kind regards,

Helen Molloy (Principal)

IMPORTANT

Please continue to respect our Covid 19 Response Plan that has been devised to ensure the safety of all our pupils and staff. Therefore, please remember the following:

- ❖ Do not send your child to school if they are unwell, have been in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of Covid 19 or showing signs of Covid 19.
- ❖ It is important that pupils enter the school at their assigned times and entrances.
- ❖ Notify the school of any change in contact number or address.
- ❖ Wear masks outside our school when collecting or dropping your child, as advised by Public Health Advice.
- ❖ Do not organise playdates, parties or sleepovers.
- ❖ Follow Public Health Advice and Government Guidelines.

What Has Been Happening.....

Zoom

For the first two months of this year we have all worked really hard from our homes. We have mastered the Zoom experience. I am very pleased to report that our weekly Assembly, Class groups, Reading Recovery Lessons and Special Education Sessions were well attended and there was a high level of engagement.

Google Classroom

Google Classroom provided a platform for pupils and parents to submit work on a daily basis. Teachers uploaded prerecorded lessons, videos and assigned work relevant to their class. Upon receiving work, they then assessed, corrected and gave feedback to the work submitted. Thank you to staff, parents and pupils for the wonderful work that was completed over the time at home.

GAA

Carlow GAA provided online classes every Tuesday for the weeks that we had to remain at home. New skills, drills and fun games were introduced by the Carlow GAA coaches.

Easter Raffle

The PA has organised a raffle for all the pupils with a great prize for each class. We look forward to the raffle results on Friday. They have also provided a surprise for each pupil and we are grateful for their continued enthusiasm, effort and support.

Easter Egg Art Competition

A competition for each class has been ongoing all this week. There is a great display of creativity and talent on the walls of our classrooms. All entries will be judged, and prizewinners will be announced on Friday at Assembly.

PA Coffee Morning

The PA have rescheduled a Coffee Morning to a Coffee Evening to accommodate more parents. This is a great way to meet other parents in our school. The next event will take place on Wednesday April 21st at 8pm. Please email rathvillynspa@gmail.com for the link.

Upcoming events and dates to remember

March Friday 26th Easter Holidays please check our website www.rathvillyns.com for times

April Monday 12th Return to school at 9.10am and 9.20am

May Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th Bank Holiday

June Monday 7th Bank Holiday

June Wednesday 30th Summer Holidays

Return to School Declaration Form

In the event of your child being absent please email your class teacher to inform them of their absence and email the Return to School Declaration Form before they return to school. Your class teacher will forward the form to you.

Homework

From now until June, homework will be assigned daily to each pupil via their Google Classroom account. Pupils and parents can submit work to their account. If you have difficulty in uploading or accessing your child's account, please contact your class teacher and they will assist you to rectify the matter.

Bicycle Rack

The PA have provided the school with a Bicycle Rack. All pupils from 4th ,5th and 6th class can use this.

Please remember

Dismount from your bicycle before entering the school and walk your bicycle out when leaving school.

All pupils must lock their bicycles while on school property.

Pupils may park their bicycle as soon as they arrive at school.

Reminder

Mobile Phones are not permitted in school. If your child needs it for after school, then it must be switched off while on school grounds and handed up to the teacher during school time.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR MOST UP TO DATE CONTACT NUMBER TO THE OFFICE. 059 9161304

Board of Management

On behalf of the Board of Management we would like to wish everyone a very joyous and safe Easter.



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