

19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

Dear Parents,

Just to keep you up to date on events happening in the school.

- First Confession is March 15<sup>th</sup>
- First Holy Communion date has been fixed for May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting for Second class parents in Girls' Convent School at 7.30p.m. on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss the 'Do this In Memory Programme' in preparation for First Holy Communion.
- The Green Schools committee have organised a used clothes collection for Wed. Oct 26<sup>th</sup>  
The clothes collection company will take used men's/women's and children's clean unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, ties, linens, household textiles, stuffed toys, also take old books (not school books or magazines). More details nearer the time.
- The Photographer is coming to the school October 19<sup>th</sup>. He will be taking individual and group photographs of the children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Individual/ family photographs from other classes may be taken on the day if requested. If you are interested please contact the school. Purchase of photographs is completely optional.
- The Parents' Association of St. Colman's held their A.G.M. on Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>. The officers elected for the year are;
  - Amanda Higgins -Chairperson
  - Sandra McSweeney – Secretary
  - Catriona McSweeney – Treasurer

We wish them well in their role for the year.

They have their Annual Church Gate collection coming up on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>. It is one of their main sources of fundraising. They are looking for volunteers to stand at the 7.30pm Mass on Saturday and the 10 and 12am Masses on Sunday. If you are available could you contact one of the committee members or the school.

- The Parents Association are organising a Cooking Demonstration Evening with Hazel Bourke from Assolas House on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. She will be giving some handy cooking tips for Christmas! A great night is promised. Keep it free! More details nearer the time!

- If you haven't paid your Photocopying, Book Rental and Music for the term we ask that you do so as quickly as possible. If you have any financial difficulties please contact the principal or class teacher. You may pay in instalments if this arrangement suits you best.
- David Beacom from Cork! will be taking the boys for games, starting next Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>. We have had David before and the boys really enjoyed his sessions. The cost is €2 per session. They will have 10 sessions altogether. You may pay this altogether or in weekly instalments.
- If you need to meet a teacher at any time please make an appointment by ringing the school before hand.
- Even though it is a little bit early to be thinking of Christmas, the children will begin shortly designing their Christmas Cards, which will be on sale later on in the term. We hope you will be pleasantly surprised with the finished products.
- Anyone who wants to avail of Pupil Insurance may pay up to 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- Please find attached a brochure for Setanta Book Clubs. There are great bargains out there at the moment. If you are interested in purchasing books you may do so by filling in the order form and returning it and the correct money to the school by Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup>. If paying by cheque please make it payable to the school. Please note purchase of books is completely optional.
- As part of Learning for Life children should be encouraged to develop the habit of saving. Mrs O'Connor has teamed up with the Credit Union to promote this activity. Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class up can purchase saving stamps in the school, put them on a card and when full will realise €20.00. They take this to the Credit Union and exchange it for cash or add it to their savings. We thank Mrs O'Connor for her work in this. She hopes to begin this scheme in October
- If any of your child/children's details have changed e.g. address, contact details, illness etc. please contact the school as soon as possible.

We remind you to log on to the school website and see what is happening in the school. The address is [www.kanturkbns.com](http://www.kanturkbns.com). Don't forget you can follow us on [twitter@colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)

I conclude by thanking you for your continued support and co-operation in our school.

Le gach dea ghúí,

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Eilish Finnegan  
Principal