

5th April, 2016

Dear Parents,

We welcome you back and hope you had a lovely Easter.

- With Confirmation taking place on April 20th we wish the 5th and 6th class boys and their teachers the best of luck as they enter the final phase of their preparation for this sacrament. The school will be open as usual on this day, however we will be closing at 1.50p.m. so please make arrangements for your child to be collected at this time.
- Congratulations to our 2nd class pupils who made their First Confession on March 10th. They are busy preparing for their big day on May 14th. Their next 'Do This In Memory' Mass is April 10th.
- As Confirmation and Holy Communion ceremonies are fast approaching we are wondering if there are any parents available to help arrange flowers in the church for these days. If so please contact the school as quickly as possible.
- Proclamation Day was a huge success in our school on March 15th. We congratulate the children for their wonderful participation in the music, songs, poetry and narrations embracing the theme of 1916. A big thank you to all those who prepared the children for the event. Thanks too to those who decorated the school and helped with the provision of refreshments on the day. Lastly thanks to the large crowd of people who came and celebrated the event with us. It was a very special memorable day.
- We appraise our Parents' Association for their time and energy in the organisation of our Book Fair. The fair realised €2,356.20. The school will receive €1413 in books. We look forward to stocking up our class libraries with these books. We thank everybody, our students, the children from the Girls' School and local pre-schools who came and supported us. Congratulations and thank you again to the organisers for a job well done.
- We extend our gratitude to Liam Fitzgerald in Ballyclough, Mallow who organised a Pre Cheltenham Fundraising Night on March 12th. Arising from this evening our school received a donation of €750 towards school funds. Sincere thanks again to all those involved in this event.

- We congratulate the boys who were highly commended in the Kanturk Arts Festival Art Competition this year. These boys are 2nd Class- Bailey and Matthew, 3rd Class -David L., Stephen, Kris, Dara, Callum, Cillian, Nathan, William, 4th Class - Laurynas, Séan and David. Well done to all the boys for participating in the event.
- Good luck to the boys in 5th and 6th who will be taking part in our school Spelling Bee Competition. The winner goes forward to represent the school on Wednesday April 15th in Rochestown Park Hotel.
- Jackie Bolster will be resuming her music classes on Friday. This term she will also be teaching 1st class. The cost is €10 per pupil for the term. You may pay this money to your class teacher as soon as possible.
- Congratulations to our 6th class boys who took part in a Soccer Competition in Carrigaline on March 3rd. Thanks to Tommy Mullane from Spar who entered us in this competition.
- Congratulations to Ciarán Carroll 6th class who received a Special Achievement Award for his Cork Mental Health Poster in a recent competition held by The Cork Mental Health Association.
- As you know we have a fabulous school website. Last month we were awarded the prestigious Scoilnet's Star Site Award for our up-to-date, informative and vibrant web site. The star site accolade is to showcase excellent school websites and in doing so recognise the value of creating an online school identity. Congratulations to Mrs Boyce on achieving this award as she is primarily responsible for our website. Don't forget to log on and keep up to date on school activities.
- This term the boys will be playing football and hurling. We thank the Kanturk G.A.A. for organising these coaching sessions and we hope the boys enjoy them.
- Our 4th, 5th and 6th class boys have been invited to a matinee of their musical "Take a Chance on Me" by Coláiste Treasa Secondary School on Wednesday April 13th. We congratulate all those involved in this production and look forward to seeing the show.
- Our Green Schools have organised another Clothes Collection for May 10th. We thank you for your support. More details nearer the time.
- Cork City Sports will be taking place on Wednesday June 1st. We will be running off the heats to select our school participants very shortly. We encourage you to start participating at home.
- Don't forget you can follow us on [twitter @colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)
- Thanking you for your support.

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