**October Newsletter**

**Board of Management**

At our last Board meeting held on the 28th September, our annual review of our Health and Safety Statement and Code of Behaviour, Anti Bullying Policy and Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment took place. All of these policies are available for parents to view on our school website and on our school noticeboard just inside the main entrance. Our next Board meeting has been scheduled Tuesday 22nd November.

**Good News Noticeboard**

Have you some good news to tell us? If your child has some GOOD NEWS to tell us, we would be delighted to place it on the wall near the main entrance. Perhaps your child has won a race, entered a competition or has some Good News to share about their families. We would be delighted to share in your good news. Please encourage your child to share their news with the school community.

**Wellbeing Wednesdays**

Thank you for all of your wonderful submissions for Wellbeing Wednesday last month. Remember, that Wellbeing Wednesdays is an ideal opportunity to spend family time together. Our next Wellbeing Wednesday will take place on Wednesday 26th October.

**Parent /Teacher Consultations**

Parents Teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October. All parents will be emailed with your allocated date and time a soon as we have details confirmed.

**Staff Training and Early Closure**

Please note that the school will close at 12.30 pm to facilitate staff training on **Friday 2nd December**. The school bus will make an early collection on this day.

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**School Activities**

***Soccer training*** will continue on the 5th and 12th October.

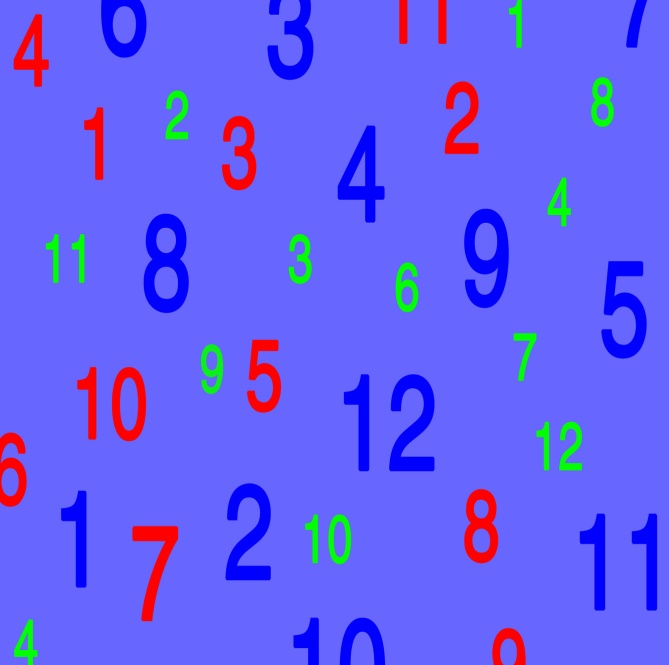
***Gaelic Football*** will commence on Thursday 6th October. Please ensure all children have gum shields to wear for Gaelic football. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct footwear each Thursday also.

***Science Display-***1st to 6th classes are delighted to have been invited to attend a *Science Display* in Nenagh Arts Centre tomorrow 4th October.

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***Diocesan Schools' Service-***6th class pupils will attend the *Diocesan Schools* Service on Thursday 13th October. This will take place during the school day. We would ask 6th class parents to complete the attached consent form and return to the school as soon as possible.

***Maths Week*** will take place from 15th to 23rd October. The children will be focusing on fun maths related activities throughout this week.



***Library Visits*** On Wednesday 26th October 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes will visit our local library and meet with John Farrelly.

On Thursday 27th October 4th, 5th and 6th classes will visit our local library and meet with well know author Sinead Moriarty.

**Hallowe’en Midterm**

Please note that the school will be closed from Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November (inclusive).



***Hallowe’en dress up -***On Friday 28th October, all pupils have been invited to dress up in Hallowe’en costumes. We would ask that pupils do not wear scary masks as we do not wish to frighten any of the small children. We would also ask that pupils who wish to dress up bring in €2, which will be put towards the cost of the bus for the pantomime.

***Pantomime-***As you are aware, the whole school will attend the pantomime in Limerick on 15th December. The cost of this is €22. Please fill in the attached consent form and return to the school with payment by ***Friday 21st October.***

**Parents’ Association**

Dear Parents,

We received a lovely note from Rev. Rod and Rosemary:

Dear Kirsten,

First of all I apologise that this will probably reach you after the school has broken up for the summer. Rod and I would like you to pass on our thanks to the Parents’ Association for the beautiful Nicholas Mosse bowl which we received at the Special Service in school to mark Rod’s retirement.

It is really lovely and is now displayed on our pine dresser for all to admire!

Thanks also to the parents for providing refreshments on that day, particularly when the whole event had to be rearranged on short notice!!

We are both very appreciative of the generosity shown and of the kind words spoken by Natasha and yourself, which definitely brought a tear to the eye!

We would like to extend our very sincere good wishes to all the children, parents and teachers in St. Mary’s No. 2.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer,

Rosemary & Rod

**Annual General Meeting**

The Parents’ Association AGM will be held on **Wednesday 19th October at 8.30pm.** It will be held in person in school and we hope as many families as possible will attend.

**Parents’ Facebook group**

A reminder that the Parents’ Facebook group is St.Marys2Parents.

**Parish News**

An 'Outdoor 'Blessing of Animals ' at Saint Mary's Church, Nenagh on Sunday 9th October at11am.

This outdoor service of prayer will be in conjunction with the Tipperary Friends of Animals and Saint Mary's Primary School. We are encouraged to bring our pets to be blessed on the feast day of Francis of Assisi because of his love for animals as expressed in the Canticle for Creatures. We welcome animals and pets, those who are pivotal and significant within our families. All welcome.

**Diocesan Schools’ Service**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Diocesan Schools’ Service will take place in Saint Mary’s Cathedral in Limerick on Thursday 13th October at 11.30a.m. Our 6th class pupils are invited to attend.

Pupils will come to school as normal with their school bags and a packed lunch. Collection time will also be at the normal time. We will travel to Limerick by bus.

A collection will be taken up during the service for the I.S.P.P.C. if anybody wishes to contribute.

If you consent for your child to attend the Diocesan Schools’ Service please fill in the attached consent form and return to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

*Shirley Maher*

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Consent Form

I consent for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Diocesan Schools’

Service on Thursday 13th October.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Pantomime Outing**

I consent for my child(ren)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Pantomime “Peter Pan” in Limerick on the 15th December and enclose the sum of €22 per child.

**Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**