# Joonbes Nacional School



Doonbeg,

Co. Clare.

29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

#### **Enrolment**

Enrolment forms for the school year 2018-2019 are currently available. As you are aware, in order to keep our third teacher, we need to maintain 52 children on the school roll. Thank you for your continued support in assisting with the promotion of the school.

# **Attendance**

The school must report any absences of **20** days or more to TUSLA (The Child and Family Agency). Please ensure that all absence notes are forwarded to the school.

#### **Christmas Concert**

The children performed 'Silent Night' on Wednesday, 20th December 2017. A great night was had by all. The children performed brilliantly on the night and thank you to everyone who helped out in any way. The raffle on the night raised almost €400.

#### Raidió Corca Baiscinn

Thank you to Ms. Healy for recording the children for the Christmas special of the "Random Mix" on Raidió Corca Baiscinn on the 28th December 2017. If anyone missed the show, it can be listened to online at www.rcb.ie.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday, 18th March 2018 at 2:30 p.m. The theme this

year is 'The Wild Atlantic Way'. It is hoped to establish an organising committee for this event. If

anyone would like to become involved, please inform the office.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings** 

Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place during the week commencing Monday, 12th February 2018.

Further information to follow.

Write A Book Competition 2018

Children from Junior Infants to Sixth class will be participating in the Write-A-Book Competition, in

conjunction with the Clare Education Centre. Entries will need to be completed by early March.

Peace Proms 2018

Well done to all the children who participated in the Peace Proms concert in N.U.I. Galway last week.

They were absolutely fantastic and we were so proud of everyone of them. Thank you also to all the

parents and family members who attended. It was great to have your support!

**Relax Kids** 

The children availed of two sessions with Ciara Madigan who specialises in mindfulness and

relaxation techniques for children. If this is something, you would like as an after school event,

please let us know.

**Basketball Coaching** 

Vinnie Leigh has been attending the school for the last two weeks and has been training the children

in basketball skills and techniques.

**Marion Keane Basketball Competition** 

Children from 3rd to 6th class are busy practising for the upcoming Basketball competition. They

have been drawn in a group containing: St. Senan's Kilrush, Cree/Clohanbeg and Kilmurray National

Schools.

**School Policies** 

The following school policies are currently being reviewed: Science, Geography, History and Visual

Arts. These are available from the school office and any feedback would be appreciated.

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# **Active School Activity**

The children are engaging in three weeks of active homework. This is an initiative supported by the Clare Sports Partnership. Your assistance with the activity, is gratefully appreciated.

## **Green Schools**

We have submitted our Green Schools application and hope to have a Green Schools visit from the adjudicator in the next few weeks. We are trying to eliminate tinfoil and wrappings from our bins, so any assistance from home would be appreciated.

## **School Closures**

- Mid Term Closed Thursday, 15th and Friday, 16th February 2018. Re-opening Monday, 19th February 2018
- Bank Holiday Monday, 19th March 2018
- Easter Holidays Closed Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. Re-opening Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Yours Sincerely,

Neil Crowley

**Neil Crowley - Principal** 

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