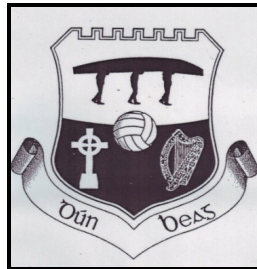


Doonbeg National School



Doonbeg,

Co. Clare.

16th April 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Enrolment

Enrolment forms for the school year 2018-2019 are still available. At this moment, we are one child short in order to maintain the retention figure. The presence of the third teacher is of huge importance and we can all see the benefit it has for children in the school. Thank you all for your continued support in promoting the school.

Attendance

The school must report any absences of **20** days or more to TUSLA (The Child and Family Agency). Reminder letters have been forwarded where children have exceeded 15 days. Please ensure that all absence notes are forwarded to the school. TUSLA will be contacting parents, where there are attendance concerns.

Marion Keane Basketball Competition

Well done to the boys and girls from 3rd to 6th who participated in the competition recently. They performed brilliantly on the day against St. Senan's Kilrush and Cree/Clohanbeg schools.

Futsal Soccer Competition

The futsal blitz for boys and girls in 3rd class took place on Thursday, 22nd March last.

FAI 5 A-Side Soccer Competition

Children from 3rd to 6th will be taking part in the competition next Thursday, 19th April. Best of luck to all the children involved. The winners of the local event will be participating in the County Final at a later date.

Tel: 065-9055311

email: doonbegns.i@s@eircom.net

<http://www.doonbegns.ie>

Doonbeg Schools Gaelic Football

Boys from 4th to 6th class will be participating in the competition over the next few weeks.

Swimming Classes

These will commence in early May for all children in the school.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Well done to everyone to all the children and parents who took part in the parade on Sunday, 18th March. As always, we were thrilled with the support on the day. The school received the John Normoyle award for "Best School".

Green Schools Award

We have received confirmation that the school has received its first Green flag for Litter and Waste. Thank you to all the children, parents, committee members and staff for helping the school achieve this award. An awards ceremony will take place before the Summer Holidays.

Recycling Collection

A clothing recycling collection will take place on Tuesday, 15th May 2018. The school will be collecting any old clothes etc. for the collection. They can be dropped into the school at any point.

First Confession

Congratulations to all the children in Rang a dó who received the Sacrament of First Confession on Wednesday, 21st March last. Thank you to Ms. Horgan for preparing them for their special day.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, 26th May at 11:00 a.m. and Confirmation will take place on Friday, 18th May. This will take place in the afternoon, but the time is still to be confirmed.

Doonbeg Drama Art Competition

Congratulations to Ema Medvecova in Rang a Sé, who came second in the Senior category.

Gaelic Football Coaching

David Tubridy is teaching the children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class, the skills of Gaelic football for six weeks.

Hurling Coaching

A County Board approved hurling coach will be visiting the school on Tuesday, 24th April for a period of six weeks. The children will be learning the basics of hurling.

Discover Primary Science Awards

We are putting together our application for the Discover Primary Science and Maths Awards. A lot of work has been done over the last two years and we are at a stage whereby we can now apply for the award.

Tel: 065-9055311

email: doonbegns.i@s@eircom.net

<http://www.doonbegns.ie>

Music Generation Programme

This is an initiative that is co-funded by U2 and the Department of Education and Skills. It allows children to access vocal and instrumental tuition locally. The school has submitted an application and if we are accepted it will commence in September.

School Policies

A number of school policies are currently being reviewed. These are available from the school office and any feedback would be appreciated.

Standardised Testing

M.I.S.T. - (Middle Infant Screening Test) for children in Senior infants took place recently. Irish Reading and IPSA-T Science Assessments will take place over the coming weeks.

Write a Book Competition 2018

Good luck to all the children who took part in the competition which is sponsored by the Clare Education Centre.

School Jerseys

The school has invested in a set of jerseys for use during school competitions. This would not have been possible without the support of Hayes' Shop and Doonbeg Plant Hire Ltd. The school would like to thank them for all their support over the years.

School Self Evaluation

The school will be re-engaging with School Self Evaluation process as per the Department of Education and Skills guidelines. We will be looking at additional curricular areas, which may need improvement as part of the process.

School Closures

The school will be closed on the following dates:

- Public Holiday - Monday, 7th May 2018
- Polling Day - Friday, 25th May 2018
- Public Holiday - Monday, 4th June 2018

Yours Sincerely,

Neil Crowley

Neil Crowley - Principal

Tel: 065-9055311

email: doonbegns.i@s@eircom.net

<http://www.doonbegns.ie>