

### **Cork Penny Dinners**

On Monday, Rev Peter will collect the non-perishable packaged foods brought in by the children for Cork Penny Dinners. Cork Penny Dinners is a Charitable Trust. Their objective is to feed those in need and to offer support to homeless people. For a detailed list of ideas to give, please click on the following link:

<http://corkpennydinners.ie/untitled-2/untitled-copy>

### **Dress Up Day and Half Day**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, we invite our pupils to dress up for Halloween. School will also finish at 12pm to facilitate teacher training for the new Primary Language Curriculum. School buses will run as normal.

### **Church Celebration in Youghal**

We are still looking for another family to join us in celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Collegiate Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Youghal at the church on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 3:30pm. Please let me know if you are available.

### **Head Lice**

There is a case of head lice in the school. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair weekly and informing the school immediately if you suspect your

child has head lice, so that we can alert other parents.

If you do detect head lice, please treat accordingly with medicated treatments. Ask pharmacists for advice as to what treatments would suit your child. Sometimes, one treatment is not enough and it can easily re-occur. There are numerous treatments available. The Headlice Experts are particularly good at identifying and eradicating head lice

**Please note all hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.**

### **Hockey**

The following hockey matches have been scheduled for this term:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 10am – 11am vs St. Fin Barres N.S.
- 12<sup>th</sup> November from 11am – 12pm vs St. Mary's National School
- 25<sup>th</sup> November from 11am – 12pm vs St. Lukes National School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 10am -11am vs Templebreedy National School

Matches will take place in Ashton School. Further details will be emailed. There will be no hockey on Monday as Ms Helen will be holding Parent Teacher Meetings. Hockey will resume on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October after school.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held next week. You should have received an

email with your allocated time. If you have not confirmed a time yet, please contact your child's class teacher.

### **Maths Week**

Keep a close eye on our twitter page as we celebrate Math Week next week! Ms Hadden has organised a very exciting week for the children!

### **Attendance Reminders**

Under the Education Welfare Act 2000 parents must inform the school if their children will be absent from school on a school day and the reason for the absence, for example, illness. If your child is absent, please ensure that you fill in the 'Absence Form' on the school website.

Schools must keep a register of the students attending the school. They must also maintain attendance records for all students and inform the Child and Family Agency's educational welfare services if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year.

**Please ensure that your child arrives to school by 10:10am to be marked present on the roll.** All teachers are required to take the roll electronically by this time and cannot change the roll. Any child arriving after that time will be marked absent.

Please try to arrange appointments and book holidays outside of school time.

Please notify the school if your child/children, particularly children in infant classes, are to be collected by someone not known to the teacher.

Once the 'Permission to Walk/Cycle Home Form' is filled in on the school website, any child in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Class can walk home. This needs to be filled in

on an annual basis. We cannot let your child leave the premises unless this form is filled in.

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will arrive on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. We will be looking for Garda Vetted volunteers to help out with the annual Book Fair for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>st</sup> November please. If you are free and available to help, please let Katie in the office know.

### **Winter Wonderland Disco**

The PA has organised a Winter Wonderland Disco by DJ Atilla on 11<sup>th</sup> November from 7 – 8:30pm at St. Multose Hall. Please bring a tray bake. Drink and treats will be provided for kids and tea and coffee will be provided for parents. €5 per child. Promises to be an evening of great fun!

### **Tea Towel Fundraiser**

The children have been busy designing our school tea towel. This will be available to buy in early December, a perfect Christmas gift for loved ones! Proceeds will go towards the school.

### **Bake Sale**

We will be holding a Bake Sale in school on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. Parents and family are welcome to attend. This will be an opportunity for parents to buy our personalised school tea towels and support the school. We will also be holding various baking competitions for the children to enter – watch this space and save the date!

### **Dates for your diary:**

- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Teacher Meetings this week.

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Dress up day!  
Half day to facilitate teacher training.
- Midterm break – Monday 31<sup>st</sup>  
October – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.  
School Reopens Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  
November
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November - Book Fair
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November - School Disco
- Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December – Bake Sale
- 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm – School  
Nativity play in Church/Carol  
Service led by the children
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – Pizza Day/ Half  
Day/Last day of term.