

Welcome Back/Staffing: We are looking forward to settling back into a routine after the lovely break. We are also delighted to welcome Ms Casey to the staff as she takes up a position in SET. Ms Comiskey will now be teaching Senior Infants.

Sacramental Classes: Parents / Guardians are asked to consider being a parent leader for the 'You Shall be My Witness' Confirmation programme.

Communion / First Penance: preparation is continuing in 2nd class for First Holy Communion on May 18th 2024 and in 1st class for First Penance (no date as yet)

Irish: Classes are continuing with their Frásaí na Seachtaine. These can be found on the school website – About Us / Gaeilge / Frásaí na Seachtaine

School Communication: The school is looking at adopting a new system of school administration in the coming months called Aladdin Connect. This will help streamline a lot of school business and communication. As we move to that system, we are asking that all school communication be done through the homework journal (1st—6th classes) and the school office. Notes can be written to the teacher in the journal and emails sent to Joan in the office at secretary@yellowfurzens.ie. As always, you can contact the office via phone. We will be in contact regarding Aladdin as it takes shape.

Pantomime: The school is going to the Gaiety on Friday the 19th of January for our annual visit to the pantomime which this year is "Cinderella". We will give out details later on in the week.

Rugby: We are delighted to be starting Tag Rugby with the 4th, 5th and 6th classes, starting this Friday and running for the month of January.

School Uniform—please ensure that your child is wearing the full school uniform every day— either the old or the new full school tracksuit with a red polo shirt.

Used Stamps: If you have any used stamps at home, pupils can bring them into school where we are collecting them for charity.

School drop off and collection—please ensure that you are on time when dropping off and collecting your children.

Attendance: We have over 34 pupils who have been fortunate enough not to miss a day so far this year. Being able to attend school when well each and every day has huge benefits for all concerned.

St Brigid's Day Crosses: We are once again going to have our 5th and 6th classes designing our St. Brigid's Day Crosses at the end of the month. We would ask for all who are able to gather and send in rushes to make the crosses over the next number of weeks.

Swimming: lessons will commence for 3rd—6th classes in Aura Navan on Friday March 8th—more details to follow in the coming weeks.

Maths: All staff attended our first training day with regard to the new maths curriculum, which is coming on stream next year. The curriculum emphasises fostering positive attitudes, playful activities – particularly for younger classes and real world problems while maintaining a good grasp of basic operations. More information can be found on www.pdst.ie

S.P.H.E: For the next number of weeks, classes will be engaging in the Relationship and Sexuality element of the SPHE curriculum. The content is age appropriate following the curriculum guidelines which are available on our website under Policies / Education / S.P.H.E. The link to the Busy Bodies YouTube site is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSI5czSV1OY&list=PLltgannkj2UG1oLFaDGQsaCfUboF17aH2>

Zeeko/Internet Safety: We have invited the Zeeko Internet Safety Group in to talk with all classes from 3rd to 6th individually on Tuesday the 23rd of January. They will then host a talk with staff and that evening they are inviting parents to attend a Zoom session on Internet Safety for Children from 7 – 8pm. We will send out a reminder and a link closer to the time.

Crumlin CHF Christmas Jumper Collection—Thanks to all who contributed a fantastic €518.20!

School Calendar: Sept 2023- June 2024

| Month | Description | |
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| Friday 1 st September 2023 | School reopens 9.20am | Junior Infants finish at 12.30pm from 1 – 15 th September |
| October / November | Mid-term break | School closed Monday 30 th Oct – Friday 3 rd Nov. Reopens Mon 6 th Nov. |
| November 22 nd | Cross Country Athletics | 2 x U11 and 2 x U13 teams |
| November 30 th | Parent teacher meetings | Times will be available to book online from November 15 th . |
| December 13 th | School closed | Staff Training Day |
| December / January | Christmas Holidays | School closes @ 12.30pm Fri 22 nd Dec, reopens Mon 8 th Jan.2024 |
| January 19 th | Pantomime | Annual trip to the Gaiety Panto |
| February 5 th Feb | St. Brigid's Day Bank Holiday | School closed Mon 5 th Feb |
| February | Mid-term break | School closed Thursday & Friday 15 th & 16 th February. |
| February 14 th | Ash Wednesday | Children attend Mass at 10am |
| March 18 th | St Patrick's Day | School closed Monday 18 th March |
| March 20 th | Confirmation | |
| March / April | Easter Holidays | School closes Fri 22 nd March at 12.30pm, reopens Mon 8 th April 2024 |
| May Bank holiday | Bank Holiday | School closed Friday 3 rd and Monday 6 th May. |
| May 18 th | First Holy Communion | |
| June Bank Holiday | Bank Holiday | School closed Friday 31 st May and Monday 3 rd June. |
| June 27 th | Summer Holidays | School closes @12.30pm |