

Castleblakeney National School

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February 2022

Dear Parent,
Below is a list of important dates for your diary

Dates for Your Diary

February 24th & 25th –School Closed Mid Term Break
Thursday, March 3rd – School Photographs
Thursday & Friday, March 17th & 18th – School Closed
March 31st -Confirmation Ceremony in Caltra Church. <i>School closes at 12noon for all children</i>
Tuesday, April 5th – First Confession for 2nd Class in Caltra Church
Apr 8th– School closes at <u>12noon</u> for Easter Holidays
Apr 25th – School Reopens after Easter Break
May 3rd, Marine Experience for All – All classes participate in a ‘Beach Safari’ and visit Galway Atlantaquarium.
First Holy Communion – Saturday May 14th 2022

Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Review

The Board of Management carried out a Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment review on 13th December 2021. This may be viewed on our website www.castleblakeneyns.ie



Due to Health and Safety concerns our school will be closed on Tuesday, Feb 22nd while essential works are carried out on electricity line.



Absent Notes

It is important that all absences are explained with a note. All notes should be handed to the class teacher. This is a requirement of the National Education Welfare Board (NEWB). Thanking you for your continued co-operation.

Enrolment 2022-2023

Enrolment Forms available on request and at www.castleblakeneyns.ie



S.P.H.E.

Growing and Changing strand of SPHE will commence with all classes after the mid term break. We are now covering ‘Taking Care of My Body’ strands in all classrooms.

Please click link for Parent Information <https://www.pdst.ie/sites/default/files/RSE%20in%20Primary%20School%20Parent%20Tips.pdf>



School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday, March 3rd. All children should wear their full school uniform. Thank you



P.E. DANCE

We have just completed 6 weeks of gymnastics.

Carol will teach Irish Dancing for 3 weeks during school time beginning March, 2nd 2022 as part of PE. This will be paid for from school funds.

Music Examinations

Children in 5th and 6th classes are being offered the opportunity to sit a music theory examination with the Royal Irish Academy of Music. This is an online exam and will be held in school on **Saturday May 14th at 12noon**. Preparation for the examination will be provided free of charge. If you wish your child to complete the examination -

Examination fee should be given to Ms. Maher in an envelope with child's name by Thursday, March 5th:

Preparatory Grade: €25

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Beimid ag ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge inár scoil ó 8ú-16 Márta.

We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in our school from the 8th-16th March. The children will participate in dancing, music, quiz and drama. We hope the children will enjoy the week.

Green Schools



We are working on our application for 'Global Citizenship and Marine' flag.



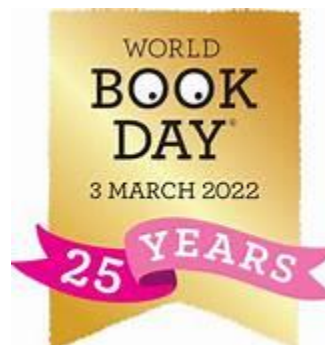
As part of our application, all children will participate in a guided beach safari on Salthill beach and a tour of Galway Atlantaquarium on Tuesday, May 3 2022.

Cost per child - €15

Bus will depart at 8.30am sharp

Children should wear their school tracksuit unit and bring a packed lunch and a sports top bottle. Beach Safari begins at 9.45 am approx.

Money should be put in an envelope with child's name and handed to teacher before April 5th. Thank you



Our school will celebrate the gift of reading and books next week.



Mise le meas, _____
Anna Maher – Príomhoide