

# Castleblakeney National School

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February 2024

Dear Parent,

Below is a list of important dates for your diary

## Dates for Your Diary

February 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> –School Closed Mid Term Break
Thursday, February 29 <sup>th</sup> - Vaccination of Junior Infants for measles at 11am.
Friday March 8 <sup>th</sup> – School Closed Due To Voting
Monday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday. St. Patrick's Weekend
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March – First Confessions in Caltra Church
Friday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup> – School closes at <u>12noon</u> for Easter Holidays
Monday, Apr 8 <sup>th</sup> – School Reopens after Easter Break
Confirmation, Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April in St. Cuan's Church Ahascragh. <b>School closes at 12noon</b>

## Enrolment 2024-2025

Enrolment Forms available on  
request and at  
[www.castleblakeneyns.ie](http://www.castleblakeneyns.ie)



Enrolment Information Evening  
for Parents will take place on  
Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

Come and see our facilities and meet our staff.



Castleblakeney  
N.S. are holding  
a Table Quiz  
fundraiser night.

- Place: **Nolan's Castleblakeney**
- Date: **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**
- Time **8:30pm.**
- Cost **€20 for a table of 4**
- **Raffle on the night**

## 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 Dinners

All children attending  
Castleblakeney N.S. will  
have the opportunity to



take part in the **School Meals Programme**  
which will begin on our return from Easter  
Holidays – April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Hot meals will be provided to all children  
**free of charge** for the second break.  
Meals will be supplied by Glanmore Foods

Parents will have access to an App which  
will enable them to select the hot meal  
their child will receive each day.

More information to follow later.

## Active School Flag

Our school is working towards making an application for an Active School award. This will involve all students in the school.

**P.E.** We have nearly completed 6 weeks of **Gymnastics** as part of P.E.

Cortney from **Fun2BFit** will teach **Dance** for 5 weeks beginning Wednesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 as part of PE.

This will be paid for from money left over from All-Ireland Soccer Fundraiser Drive last May.

## Chess Tournament

Children in the senior class will take part in a chess tournament on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Music Examinations

Children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:

Preparatory Grade: €25

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Beimid ag ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge inár scoil ó 1-15ú Márta.

*We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in our school from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March. The children will participate in dancing, music, quiz and drama. We hope the children will enjoy the week.*

## Internet Safety For All



Internet Safety Awareness Day is now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year. Remaining informed on new developments, trends etc is crucial if we are to teach our children how to respect screen time and what it offers. **Webwise Parents Hub** provides guidance for parents on key internet issues. Please click on the link for further information. <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>



Our school will celebrate the gift of reading and books on March 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day.



## Parent's Contribution-

Parent Termly Contribution Envelopes will be distributed to children during the coming week. Thank you.

Mise le meas, \_\_\_\_\_  
Anna Maher – Príomhoide