



Memo No. 3 to Parents and Guardians 12th of September 2024



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are only back in school two weeks and the children have already settled into their routines and learning with great enthusiasm and positivity. We are delighted and impressed not only with their academic effort but also with the collective contribution towards our positive, respectful and empathetic culture. Well done everyone!

School Calendar/Events and Dates

Please find attached to this email an updated school calendar. This calendar is correct as of today but may be subject to change. We will advise Parents/Guardians of changes via email as soon as any new information becomes available. Some dates to note:

23rd of October: All pupils will go home at 1.40 p.m. to facilitate a Staff Meeting

19th and 21st of November: Parent/Teacher meeting days, 2.45 – 5.15. Appointments will be scheduled at a later date.

17th and 18th of December @7.00 p.m.: Our annual Carol Concerts.

4th of February: All pupils will go home at 1.40 p.m. to facilitate a Staff Meeting

14th of March: All pupils will go home at 12 noon to facilitate Staff Training on Bí Cineálta

15th of May: Curriculum (Maths) Training Day for Staff: no school for pupils on this day.

6th of June: Proposed date for Sports Day. Pupils from Junior Infants to 2nd class go home at 12 noon on this day.

First Holy Communion Date:

We have received notification of our First Holy Communion date for pupils in Second Class. The ceremony will take place in the Church of Christ Our Light on Saturday, the 24th of May, at 11.00 a.m.

We have not yet confirmed dates for other religious ceremonies, such as First Penance and Confirmation; we will let you know as soon as possible.

Start of Year Mass

Our traditional Start of Year Mass will take place on Thursday, the 26th of September, at 11.30 a.m. in the Church. We would like to invite all members of our school community to come and join us at this mass.

School Musical

We look forward to continuing a long-standing Scoil Barra tradition of a school musical this year. The pupils of 5th and 6th class hope to put a very special production on stage from the 6th to the 10th of April (proposed dates).

Nature Trek

Our annual Nature Trek in the Regional park will take place on October 11th.

Open Night

An Open Night for prospective pupils will be held on October 8th at 7 pm.

Whole-class Support

Our support teachers often work with class teachers at a whole-class level to support learning. At various times throughout the year, classes may be divided into groups to work with either the class teacher or support teachers at a small group level. This work may take place in the classroom or in the support rooms. We want parents and guardians to be aware of this so they understand the context if pupils mention working with other staff outside the classroom.

Communication Details, Eolas App and Collection Arrangements

We ask parents and guardians to make sure that your contact details on DataBiz are up to date, particularly your phone number and email. You can update this through our Eolas App. Details on how to download, install, log in and use the app can be found on our website at <https://www.scoilbarra.ie/databiz-eolas-app/>

Please note, if there is a change in who will be collecting your child from school, we ask you to let the class teacher know in advance via a note in their journal (1st class to 6th class) or a note in their Homework folder (Infant classes).

Kind regards,

Martina Barry, Principal