



February Newsletter 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Dates for your diary:

- o **First Confession:** Tuesday, March 21st 2023 at 5.30 pm in Our Lady's Queen of Peace Church, Coosan
- o **First Holy Communion:** Saturday, 13th May, 2023 at 11 am in Our Lady's Queen of Peace Church, Coosan
- o **Confirmation:** Friday, 26th May 2023 at 5 pm in Our Lady's Queen of Peace Church, Coosan
- o **Book Week:** (February 27th-March 5th)
This year, as a school we are having a "Pyjama Day" to celebrate Book Week on Thursday March 2nd. Children can wear pyjamas and bring their favourite book to read. Please remember that the children will be on yard for breaks also so please adapt the pyjamas to suit outdoor conditions and wear suitable footwear! All classes may also organise their own activities to celebrate reading.
- o **Seachtain na Gaeilge (13ú-16ú Márta 2023):** Beidh an scoil ag ceiliúradh seachtain na gaeilge i Scoil Náisiúnta an Chúasáin i mbliana. Beidh a lán gníomhaíochtaí ar siúl i rith na seachtaine-breis eolais níos déanaí.
- o **Plastic Free Lunches (9th March):**
Our 6th classes are currently partaking in the Arcadia Creative Climate Project. As part of this, we are organising a 'Plastic Free Lunches' day. We will be asking each class to try and ensure that their lunchboxes do not contain any single use plastic.
- o **Féile Ceoil:** will take place on the week beginning March 20th. Our school choir (4th and 5th classes) will perform, as will our Junior Infants. More information to follow.
- o **St Patrick's Day:** School will be closed on Friday 17th March.
- o **Easter Holidays:** School will close on Friday, March 31st at 12.30 and re opens on Monday 17th April

Choir:

Confirmation and First Holy Communion will take place in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church next term (please see dates and times above). The Choir (4th and 5th classes) have been preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We would appreciate it if the children from these classes were available to sing at this event. A treat has been promised to those who come along and support our Second and Sixth classes on their special day! Thank you in advance for your support.

Change of Clothing:

At the beginning of the school year, a letter was sent out to all families requesting that a change of clothing in a clearly labelled bag be sent to the class teacher. This spare set of clothing will be used if your child has an accident and requires a change of clothing.

There are a number of parents/guardians who have not sent in clothing as requested.

We would really appreciate your support with this.

Sports:

- ▣ **Swimming:** Fourth Classes will commence swimming lessons from next Tuesday March 7th.
- ▣ **Fundamentals:** Junior and Senior Infants are travelling to TUS every Thursday and Friday for 6 weeks to learn and develop their Fundamental Movement Skills
- ▣ **Basketball:** Basketball continues on Mondays and Wednesdays with Paddy Mullaly
- ▣ **Hurling:** The hurling/camogie season is about to commence with lots of games against Gaelscoil na gCeithre Maistrí and Scoil an Cré Naofa to name a few to coming up soon.
- ▣ **Gaelic Football:** The business end of the gaelic football season is about to commence with lots of competitions such as the mini 7's to come.
- ▣ **Soccer:** Spar 5's competitions are commencing soon with the girls team in action on March 9th and the boys team in action on March 15th. .

RNLI Station Visit:

Junior & Senior Infants will visit the RNLI Station at Coosan Point on Monday 20th March. This will be a very educational and enjoyable experience for the pupils.

School Insurance and Child Safety:

Please note that the children are supervised from 9.20am to 3.00pm each school day. While, of course, the school grounds are open to the pupils, the school cannot accept responsibility for children arriving before the official opening of the school or remaining on the school grounds after school.

The Student Council:

Our student council have been busy behind the scenes, gathering the views and opinions of our student body. Recently, student council delivered its first broadcast of student's news (designed by students for students!) over the intercom. This was very successful and we are already looking forward to our next airing.

Time-Keeping:

School starts in Coosan N.S. at 9.20 am and it is very important for every child's educational benefit that they are present at this time. Thank you for your support.

Parents' Association Update:

We are holding our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, 7th March, 2023 in the school at 8.45pm and we welcome all parents/ guardians of children in the school. We always love to see new faces. If anyone wishes to join the Parents Association Whatsapp group please email coosanschoolpa@gmail.com and we will happily add you.

We also encourage parents and guardians to join our volunteer list, to be up to date on how you can support the Parents Association.

Huge thanks to those who volunteered their time and also to those who donated and baked goodies for our annual cake sale. It was a great success. The children and local community enjoyed it immensely.

We raised €1935.

On the 29th March we will hold "Cash for Clobber". All proceeds will be donated to GOAL's Turkey and Syria Appeal. Bags of clean clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts and curtains will be accepted. Collection will be between 2pm - 7pm in the GP hall.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more updates.

Le gach dea-ghúí,

Ms. S. Cunningham

Principal

Coosan N.S.