



# Corridor Echoes

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## Farewell to 6th Class Pupils!

We were delighted to be able to celebrate our 6th Class Graduation this year in school with our pupils and teachers. Unfortunately our parents were unable to attend due to current restrictions. We would like to say a sincere thank you to all our 6th class parents for your support during your son's time in St. Mary's. It is very much appreciated by the school and we wish both you and your son the very best in the future.

## **End of Year**

We would like to wish all of our school community a very happy and safe summer after what has been a challenging year for everyone. Also a sincere thank you to parents, pupils and staff for all of their hard work and support throughout this school year!



## Important Notice

**Parents, please note that:-**

**The following school fees are now due for the school year 2021/22:**

1. the €40 (+ €20 deposit if applicable) **Book Rental fee** (for 2nd–6th class). An ePayment link has been issued to parents for this fee. Discount is applied if more than one child in book rental scheme.
2. the €30 fee for **Photocopying/Art**. ePayment request will issue shortly
3. the €6 for **Digital License Fee** (for relevant classes only)

These can be paid:

- ⇒ online using the secure link you received by email

Please note, if any family is experiencing difficulty in relation to payment of these fees, you should contact the school on 051851399 or email [admin@ferrybankbns.ie](mailto:admin@ferrybankbns.ie) and we will be able to assist you.

## Attendance Certificates

Well done to all the boys, and their parents, who received certificates for full attendance in 2019/20 from the Mayor of Waterford. Comhghairdeas buachaillí!!



## Dates for Sacraments

Confirmation: Saturday 28th August

Communion: Saturday 11th September

Further details will be forwarded to parents through the Parish Office.

## School Calendar

**Wednesday 1st September:** School reopens

**Monday 25th–29th October:** Mid-Term Break

**Thursday 23rd December–Wednesday 5th January:** School closed for Christmas Break.

**Thursday 24th–Friday 25th February:** School closed for February Mid-Term

**Thursday 17th March:** School closed for St. Patrick's Day

**Monday 11th–Friday 22nd April:** School closed for Easter Break

**Monday 2nd May:** School closed

**Monday 6th June:** School closed

**Friday 24th June:** Final day of school

## Home—School Communication for 2021/22

Aladdin Connect will be the primary tool for communicating and sharing information with parents as we move into next year.

As well as receiving/responding to messages from the school, you can:

- ⇒ View/edit your personal details e.g. Phone numbers, email address, emergency contacts etc
- ⇒ View your child's attendance
- ⇒ Enter reasons for your child's absences from the Aladdin Connect app
- ⇒ View test results
- ⇒ View report cards
- ⇒ View homework
- ⇒ Give permission for specific events e.g. school trip

**For families that have not yet registered for Connect, please contact the school.**

Once registered, you can download the Aladdin Schools Connect app to receive instant notifications from the school and to have convenient and secure access to your child's information from your mobile device. Parents of incoming junior infant pupils will receive a link in the next week to register.

### Achievements



We had our annual medals presentation to celebrate achievements in soccer, basketball and hurling. Well done to all of the boys who participated so well during these competitions. Players of the tournament, top scorers and most improved players were also recognised during the awards. Thanks also to all of the teachers involved who organised these events over the last number of weeks!



### Birthday Celebrations!

On behalf of all of the staff in St. Mary's BNS, we would like to say a sincere thank you to all of our parents and pupils who contributed so generously each month toward the **birthday celebrations**. It was very much appreciated and the boys enjoyed celebrating the birthdays each month. Thanks also to Ms Whelan for coordinating this initiative throughout the year. Míle buíochas do gach duine!

## **Playground Markings**

We recently had several playground markings added to our junior yard and at the entrance to the junior building. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed them and they've been put to great use in recent weeks. Thanks to Waterford Sports Partnership for their support and assistance in getting this work complete.



## **School Uniform and Tracksuit**

All pupils in our school must have a school uniform and a school tracksuit, with the exception of Junior Infants, who only need a school tracksuit.

Proper school clothes in school only, please! If a pupil does not have the appropriate uniform for any reason an explanation should be presented to the teacher via Aladdin Connect (from Sept. 2021) or with a written note.

## **New Bicycle/Scooter Rack**

We would like to say a big *Thank You* to Waterford City and County Council (WCCC) for supplying a bicycle/scooter rack for our school. Barbara and Jemma (FROM WCCC) were very impressed with the number of boys cycling and scooting to school. The bicycle/scooter rack will be installed over the summer to the side/rear of the school and pupils will be able to lock their scooter/bicycle securely each day. All pupils are asked to dismount their scooters or bicycles when entering and leaving the school grounds. Pupils are reminded regularly of how to cross the road safely at the traffic lights. Unfortunately this is made very difficult when cars are parked on the crossing or on the double yellow lines either side of the traffic lights. Again, we would ask all parents to park their cars a safe distance from the crossing to ensure pupils can see left and right before crossing the road. We understand how difficult it can be to park in the mornings/evenings but we want to make every effort to ensure the safety of our pupils. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated.

## **Clothes Collection**

Thanks to all those who supported the recent clothes collection between St. Mary's Boys' National School and Ferrybank GAA Club. It was very well supported in the community and we look forward to sharing details of how much was raised from this fundraiser. Thanks again for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.