



CORRIDOR ECHOES

The Official Newsletter of St. Mary's
Boys' National School, Ferrybank.

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Book Rental Scheme

The workings of our book rental scheme have been well documented in several editions of Corridor Echoes as well as details sent home each year. Our book rental scheme began in 2012/2013 so all parents of boys in 1st to 6th Class each year have received all the information necessary. All parents in this category must be in the book rental scheme. However, to be a member of the scheme parents must follow the basic rule which states that the rental fee of €40 must be paid each year + the €20 deposit. The deposit must be paid in 1st class, i.e. when parents first get involved in the scheme. The deposit is designed as insurance towards the replacement of any damaged books. If there is no damage the deposit is refunded at the end of 6th Class. Unfortunately there is a small percentage of parents who have not paid despite several reminders as well as the facility to pay in instalments. As a result, it has been decided that any parent who has not paid up before the start of the new school year on 3rd December will not be allowed to participate in the book rental scheme and will have to purchase the full book list themselves. Sincere thanks to all parents who have already paid up for next year since notice was first sent home three weeks ago. Thank you for your continued support. The good news is that there are still three weeks to go to the end of this school year.

Photocopying & Art Charge

This €30 charge is vital towards the overall running of the school. It has not been raised for the last twelve years yet some parents think that they don't have to pay. This charge is for every parent. As stated it is a charge. It is not a 'voluntary contribution' as some people seem to think. Our charge is very small compared to other primary schools. Again it would be very welcome if this charge was paid before the end of the school year.

Bills for money legitimately owed to the school will be issued next week.

Under 11 Hurling

Our Under 11 hurlers won Roinn B of the inter-schools competition recently. This competition was run over three days in a series of blitzes. The first two days' play was designed to see which schools qualified for the important final group. The other schools in the final group were Portlaw A, Portlaw B and Killea. Our boys won all three matches and won the Cup for the second year in a row.

Well done to all the panel for great effort and excellent play throughout the three blitz days and a special thanks to Mr Fitzgerald for his great work with the boys.

School Calendar for 2018 / 2019

- *Monday 3rd September: Opening of new school year
- *Monday 29th Oct. - Friday 2nd Nov.: School closed for Mid-term Break
- *Friday 21st December: School closes for Christmas holidays
- *Monday 7th January 2015: School re-opens
- *Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd February: School closed for Mid-term Break
- *Monday 18th March: School closed (St. Patrick's Day Public Holiday)
- *Friday 12th April: School closes for Easter holidays
- *Monday 29th April: School re-opens
- *Monday 6th May: School closed - Public Holiday
- *Friday 31st May, Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th June: School closed
- *Friday 28th June: End of school year; school closes for summer holidays

Class Allocation 2018 / 2019

John O'Shea

Junior Infants	Ms Duggan
Senior Infants	Mrs Grant
1 st Class	Mrs Kelly
2 nd Class	Ms Power
3 rd Class	Teacher to be appointed
4 th Class	Mr Fitzgerald
5 th Class	Ms Quillinan
6 th Class	Mr Nagle

SET Team (Special Education Teachers): Mrs Powell;
Mrs Dunne/Mrs Whelan; Ms Dooley; Ms Tuohy; Mr Rynne + Teacher to be appointed.



End-of-Year Reports

End-of-year reports will be sent home on Thursday 14th June. Please look out for your son's report and make an appointment to meet school staff if you wish.

School Uniform and Tracksuit

All pupils in our school **must** have a school uniform **and** a school tracksuit.

Tracksuit

The school tracksuit is only available from Excel Promotions.

Uniform

Option A - The full school uniform (green jumper, grey shirt, grey pants and green tie) is available from Excel Promotions. There is a choice of crested or non-crested jumper.

Option B - The full uniform is also available from Shaws, The Quay, Waterford. Please note that only a non-crested jumper is available from Shaws.

The shirt, polo shirt and pants may be purchased in other shops also - provided they are the correct colour.

No variations in colour or style are allowed.

We have gone through the process of dealing with school uniforms and tracksuits as laid down by the Department of Education and Skills on a regular basis in recent years.

It is very important that all parents follow the simple rules about our uniform and tracksuit.

Hurling Soccer & Penalty Competitions

Our school competitions are in full swing and will continue over the next few weeks. Every boy in the school will get an opportunity to participate in some of these competitions. The finals of the hurling competitions for 3rd & 4th class as well as 5th & 6th Class will take place in Ferrybank Hurling pitch as usual. The winners of the 5th & 6th Class tournament will receive the John Collins Shield. All the matches in these competitions are eagerly contested. The boys will also have a fun day to look forward to before the end of the school year.

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Tours & Trips

Some classes have already been on their school tours and the others will be going shortly. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes have also been on local history walks with Jack Burtchaell. 3rd and 4th went on a historical walk around Ferrybank. 5th and 6th have been on a walk around some of the old walls in Waterford city. They also visited Reginald's Tower. With the local area steeped in history it is only right that the classes get the opportunity to experience some of it.

During the long weeks of the summer holidays why not bring your children to experience more of the history of Waterford.

Emmet Bailey

Congratulations to Emmet Bailey in 2nd Class



Once again, Kilkenny County Library Service's annual Summer Reading Challenge (Summer Stars) will run in Ferrybank Library. This challenge encourages children to read a minimum of 8 books through the summer holiday period. By participating, children will improve their reading levels and enjoy the 'summer slide' in an enjoyable way, by picking up free rewards along the way! Children are invited to come along to the library with a parent to sign up from **Tuesday, 19th June**. Once registered, they receive a starter pack, including a card to record their progress. Children can read whatever they like - fact or fiction, as long as books are borrowed from the Library!

On completion, a certificate & medal will be awarded, which the Library hopes to hand out at school or class visits on the return to school in September.

Junior Infants

We look forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants' boys and their parents to the school next Tuesday. We look forward to seeing them in September.

Primary Game

Congratulations to *Adam Aspel* (6th Class) who played on the Waterford Primary Game hurling team in Limerick on Sunday 5th June.

Under 13 Hurling

Our school team performed really well to reach the semi finals of this competition. In our group Ferrybank were very impressive in securing great victories over Passage NS, St. Paul's BNS and Scoil Lorcaín.

Unfortunately Scoil Mhuire from Butlerstown proved to be stronger in the semi final and deservedly qualified for the final. Thanks to all the boys on the panel for their great effort and a special thanks to Mr Nagle for all the preparation and training.

Jack Kennedy Memorial Cup

Ferrybank 5 Mount Sion 2

Our soccer team progressed to the semi final of the Jack Kennedy Memorial Cup with this excellent victory over Mount Sion. It was a really close match for a long time but our boys finished strongly for the victory. Miłosz Matras scored a brilliant hat trick with the other goals coming from Jay Bagge and Sean Byrne. The semi final opponents will be Scoil Lorcaín or Holy Cross.