



# Clocha Rince NS

## Board of Management

### End of Year Newsletter 2017

#### End of Term

The current school year ends on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June @ 12:30pm.

#### Classroom Allocations

Junior & Senior Infants	Ms. R. Swords
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Ms. P. Roche
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Mrs. M. McCarthy
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Ms. E. Mhic Sheoin
4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Ms. H. Fagan
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	A.N. Other
6 <sup>th</sup> Class	Ms. S. Kelly
SET 1	Ms. H. Murphy
SET 2	Ms. M. Canniffe
SET 3	Ms. A. Hurley
Tír na nÓg 1	Ms. A. Fealy
Tír na nÓg 2	Ms. E. Hurley

Ms Fagan will be going on maternity leave from September and as soon as the Board have appointed a teacher, the parent body will be informed. Ms. Roche will return from maternity leave in January 2018 and again when appointment has been made the parent body shall be informed..

Ms. Seoighe and Mr. Eyres will unfortunately be leaving us. They have been a great asset to the school and will be missed. They have proven to be very enthusiastic educators and have actively taken part in all aspects of school life. We wish them every success in their careers.

We also send a fond farewell and best wishes to Mr. Darby as he embarks on his new role as Principal of Ballybryan National School. We are sure that he will enjoy a very successful and fulfilling term in his new position. Our loss is Ballybryan's gain. Currently, the school is in the process of employing a new teacher to replace Mr Darby and as soon as the appointment has been made, parents shall be informed.

#### Next Year's Calendar (2017/2018 School Year)

Next year's Calendar has been forwarded to families and we ask you to ensure you keep this copy and note school closures. There will be some further closures during the school year for In-Service training for the staff in relation to the New Language Curriculum. As soon as the Board is aware of these dates we will inform the parent body.

#### Thank You

The Board would like to thank all the Parents who helped in any way during the school year, whether it was being a volunteer for Oxford Reading Tree, assisting at Be Active after school activities, baking, serving teas, decorating the hall for events such as First Communion and Graduation, sponsoring children, giving lifts to Cumann na mBunscol matches or participating in any aspect of school life. We appreciate all the support for any fundraising activities that took place this year. These activities enhance the resources we can make available to our pupils. All these funds went directly into pupils' resources and in particular Science equipment and towards the resurfacing of the playground, which is an ongoing project. The input of parents ensures that the children develop the skills they learn in numeracy, literacy and physical education are further enhanced.

Next September, the Board will meet with the parent body in order to re-establish a formal Parents' Association, which plays an important role in your child's education. The PA assist in many ways but the funds that they raise are essential to ensure that the school can provide as many opportunities to the children as possible. The Parents' Association will also help us to continue all the good work that has been established this year with the Active Schools' as it can act as a central source of contact for both school and home. It ensures that the lines of communication and the community atmosphere is strong in Clocha Rince.

Thanks to Ger Cunningham who takes charge of the school hall on behalf of the Board of Management, managing the administration, access and supervision of the local groups who use our school facilities in the evening.

Thanks to Clogherinkoe GFC for the use of their pitch facilities for matches and for the use of the Astro-Turf during our Active Schools' Week.

#### **Secretary, Librarian, Cleaner, Caretaker, School Staff and Board Members**

Thanks to Liz who runs an excellent 'front of house'. Her hard work and support of the school is second to none. Thanks to our librarian, Suzanne, for her dedication to her role which greatly enhances and complements the work of our teachers. Thanks to Garry, who looks after the school grounds and basic repairs that we have needed throughout the year. Thanks to Laura, our cleaner, who does a wonderful job in ensuring that the school is clean and tidy for both pupils and staff each day.

Thanks to the members of our Board of Management who assume a statutory responsibility by serving on our governing board. Their commitment and good-will towards the school and its staff and pupils is very evident yet the level of their involvement can never be fully appreciated by anyone who has not served on a Board of Management before. We would like to thank Yvonne Murphy for her work as a member of the Board over the past two years and we look forward to welcoming Martha Dalton as she takes over the role of one of the parent nominees.

Thanks to the school staff, teaching and non-teaching. Our staff are hardworking and dedicated and highly professional. All staff members have engaged in professional development courses on their own time to further their skills and talents for the ultimate benefit of our pupils. Thanks to the staff members who stay after hours to meet with parents/guardians and those members who involve themselves in extra-curricular activities. Again, this involvement is voluntary and these activities would not take place if these members of staff were not available for these activities.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Class**

As 6<sup>th</sup> Class prepare to leave us and begin the next part of their education, we wish them every success in life. We hope they achieve their dreams and ambitions in life and that they will remember with fondness their time in Clocha Rince NS. We wish the families who are leaving us the very best and thank them for their support for our school throughout their years here.

**The Board of Management wishes everyone a happy, safe and fun filled summer holiday and looks forward to working together as a community in the next school year.**

**Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.**

**Kathleen Lynch, Chairperson, Fr. Gerard Breen, Patron Nominee**

**Maeve McConaghy, Principal, Aoife Fealy, Teacher Nominee**

**Yvonne Murphy, Ger Cunningham, Parent Nominees**

**Catherine Wynne and Jack Conlon, Community Nominees**