



Catherine McAuley Junior School,  
Bunscoil Nic Amhlaidh,  
Castlemoyle,  
New Ross,  
Co. Wexford.

1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

**Lá Fhéile Bríde shona daoibh**

**Happy St. Bridget's Day**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**South East Radio** is hosting a programme on the school in the **third week of February**. The programme is being produced by Christian Media Trust. It will cover a variety of activities such as Literacy Lift Off, Aistear-learning through play, science, active homework, making a St. Bridget's cross, preparing for First Confession/First Holy Communion, making soup/smoothies, the Parent Room activities such as the Gardening group, Cook it programme, Parent & toddler group. It will be a mix of items. They will record the children in the school on Thursday & Friday next week. If you would prefer that your child is **not** involved in this production, please let me know.

We are delighted with the **new equipment** in the **Junior yard**, funded by First Friends Playschool. We have taken up the **rubber matting** that the Parents' Association got for St. Joseph's NS and are laying it around the equipment for safety. We hope to have this work finished in the next week or so. It has been a much bigger job than expected but it will be great when it is finished. I would like to thank the Parents' Association for contributing to the cost of the work. The Board of Management is funding the balance.

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> children feel deprived now, as they have no equipment in their section of the yard, so this will be the next project for the **Parents' Association** who are having a **Church Gate Collection** on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. If you can help with this fund raiser please let the office know at 051 425586. It means giving up a half an hour of your time but is a very simple way of raising money to improve facilities for your child in school.

Junior & Senior Infants will start **Hip Hop** dancing with April Cody on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** for **six weeks**. If each child brings in **€1** for each class or **€6** this will cover the cost of the classes. The children will really enjoy it.

Unfortunately our **recorder teacher** has left us. We are actively looking for a recorder teacher so if you know anybody who could teach recorder to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes I would be delighted to talk to him or her.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes are continuing with **hurling** on Wednesdays and will be going **swimming** after the Easter Holidays. Hurling 365 continues every Wednesday at 8:15am.

We had our **Open Day/Night** on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>** which was very successful. We had a great crowd on Tuesday evening which makes sense as parents are working. If you know of any parent who has not yet applied for a place in September please let them know they can contact the office for an application form.

Aldi is running a competition for play equipment for schools. You get a sticker for each €30 spent. **If you shop** in Aldi please collect the stickers for us. Two lucky primary schools will get €50,000 each, to develop the play facilities in their schools! It would go a long way to getting equipment for the First & Second classes.

There are regular updates on what is happening in school on our *Facebook* page. Just type in *Catherine McAuley Junior School* when you are on Facebook and it will bring you to the link.

The school will be closed on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** as the teachers are having a curriculum development day. This is just before the mid-term break so the school will **re-open** on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**.

Thank you for your on-going support and co-operation. If you have queries or suggestions do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Elma Sutton Principal

