



CUSHINSTOWN
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Newsletter May 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope that you are all keeping well and getting some time to enjoy the lovely sunshine today.

GAA Skills: Where possible James Flynn has asked that pupils from first to sixth class bring their hurls and helmets to school from next Monday.

GAA Lunchtime Skills: We will re-commence the GAA lunchtime skills next week. The timetable is as follows:

Tuesday 6th class

Wednesday 5th class

Thursday 4th class

Friday 3rd class

These lunchtime skills are expected to continue until late June.

Substitute Teachers: Due to the continuation of government leave entitlements regarding Covid 19 there has been some changes to staffing. Securing qualified substitute teachers will continue to be a challenge during these unprecedented times. We will continue to put our best efforts in and thank all our existing and new staff members for their continued dedication and hard work during these challenging times. We also thank our parents for their continued understanding.

Rugby Training: Rugby Training has commenced each Thursday with rugby coach Nicky Haberlin for first to sixth class.

First Confession: The First Confession took place on 29th April for the children in Second class. Thank you to Ms. O'Leary and her colleagues for their hard work in preparing the children. Thank you to Father Seán for the lovely ceremony. We hope the children had a lovely day.

Standardised Testing: The school has been notified by the Department of Education that standardised testing will be completed during this term. This testing will take place from Tuesday 11th May to Thursday 20th May. Please note that it is strongly advised not to be too concerned if there is a change in score from their last results. We will analyse the results in the context of decision making but they will also be in the context that children have missed a substantial amount of face-to-face teaching time this year and last. Our focus and priority for the remainder of this year is the children's wellbeing and supporting them as best we can.

Word of Thanks: Thank you for the many messages of condolence on the passing of my father recently. Your support, messages and cards have provided me with great comfort during what has been a difficult time.

No Uniform Day: The school will hold a No Uniform Day next Friday 14th May in aid of St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross. €2 or any donation welcome. Children can give their donation to the class teacher on the day.

New Junior Infants: An open evening will take place on Zoom in early June for parents of our September 2021 entrants into Junior Infants. Parents will be notified shortly via email.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Carol O'Reilly

(Principal)