



Feabhra Marta Aibrean
2020

Nuacht

February March April
2020

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday, Thursday 12 th /13 th February	Parent-Teacher Meetings
Friday, 14 th February	Staff Inservice - School will be closed on this day
Monday, 17 th to Friday, 21 st February	Midterm break - school closed
Tuesday, 25 th February	Swimming commences for 2 nd 3 rd 4 th and 5 th classes
Wednesday, 26 th February	Lent Commences Ash Wednesday - All will receive ashes
Friday, 13 th March	Ceolchoirm - School Concert. Lá Glas (Wear Green)
Monday, Tuesday, 16 th and 17 th March	School closed for St Patrick's Day
Sunday, 22 nd March	Do This in Memory Mass for First Communion Children
Monday, 30 th March to Friday, April 3 rd	International Week
Monday, 6 th to Friday, 17 th April	Easter Holidays - school closed

Seachtain na Gaeilge 1-17 Márta

Beidh Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl idir an chéad lá agus an seachtú lá deag de Mhárta. Beidh Ceolchoirm, Tráth na gCeist agus Céilí ar siúl i rith na seachtaine.

(Seachtain na Gaeilge is from 1st to 17th March. A number of events such as a concert a ceili and a quiz will take place at this time)

Scoil an Chlochair Parents' Association are having their first meeting for 2020 on Wednesday 5th February. If you would like to join our PA committee please come to the school staff room at 8pm

Swimming will commence on Tuesday

February 25th for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Classes

On Monday, 2nd March

County photos will be in school to take photographs of the children.

Our School Uniform

The official school uniform is:

- Navy pinafore, skirt or trousers
- Blue blouse/shirt
- Navy jumper/cardigan
- (Navy shorts in warm weather)

This uniform must be worn each day except on PE days when a plain navy school track suit (i.e. runners, track suit/shorts, blue polo shirt and sweatshirt/jumper) should be worn.

International Day

During the week commencing March 30th we are planning to celebrate diversity in our school. Did you know we have children from 12 different nationalities? We are inviting all of our families to taste different foods and wear their national costumes on Thursday April 2ndmore information will follow closer to the date

Don't forget to check our Website for all the latest information and updated policies www.kilbeggannationalschool.com

Safety In School - Our Code of Behaviour

The Board of Management and Staff of Scoil an Chlochair are continually reviewing and updating our school's Code of Behaviour. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children, parents, staff and visitors are happy and safe at school. We should all encourage high expectations of behaviour and social responsibility. Please ensure that your children follow the school rules and routines before and after school, and, in the school playground. It is also important that all of us (adults and children) model appropriate language and behaviour. The Code of Behaviour is available on our website (See our School Handbook and Code of Behaviour policy on our website www.kilbeggannationalschool.com)

Keeping Safe Online

There is a great deal of concern regarding children's safety online. Children need "Digital Competence". We need to ensure that young children have a capability to do things safely. We need to introduce the internet and the online world in a safe way so that children do not view anything inappropriate online. More guidance and monitoring is needed to ensure that children are safe.

Some suggestions:

- Consider what equipment and at what age is your child ready.
- Find out what they are doing online and who they are in contact with.
- Do a deal with your child. For example a time limit on how much time they can use their phone or tab or be online. No phones tabs computers or laptops in a child's bedroom at night.
- Try not to rely on screens too much to keep children amused.
- Speak to your child about not sharing personal information online.
- Look at the settings on apps and consider restricting the child's viewing – eg Netflix.
- Check out the PEGI Rating for video games. Are they PEGI 12 or PEGI 18?
- Many apps such as Snapchat, WhatsApp and TikTok have a minimum age of 13.
- A serious punishment is to deprive a child of their phone or tab. Consider suspending use for a period instead.
- Make sure you are a good role model for your child.
- Reinforce good behaviour
- Chat with your child about what they do online and encourage them to use their screen time for learning and education.
- Finally, you as a parent should know what your child is doing online. You should continually monitor what is going on by regularly checking your child's devices while building up a relationship of trust with your child