

Scoil Chaitríona News!



October/ November '23



Important Dates

Mon 6th & 13th Nov
Dance Fit Classes for
Parents 11:15 am

Saturday 18th May
First Holy Communion
11:00 am

Wednesday 29th Nov
School Closure
Teacher Training Day

Thursday 30th Nov
Parent Teacher Meetings

Monday 4th December
School Closure



Dear Parents

This half term has been a lovely blend of hard work and fun in Scoil Chaitríona. Our classrooms have been brimming with curiosity, creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm. By now the children have all well and truly settled back into school routine and we have loved watching their progress. They are all deserving of a well-earned rest, and we wish you all a safe and happy mid-term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 6th November. Below I've outlined some news for the month ahead.

First Holy Communion

The date and time have been set for this year's First Holy Communion. Our children will celebrate their special day on **Saturday 18th of May, at 11:00 am**. There will be an Enrolment Mass on Sunday 19th of November at 11:00am.

School Closures

Please be aware that we have a couple of school closures in the coming weeks.

- On **Wednesday 29th November** we have a closure for a teacher training day on the New Primary Maths Curriculum.
- The following day, **30th November**, school finishes for all pupils at 2pm for Parent Teacher Meetings.
- As per our school calendar we will be closed on **Monday 4th December**.



Best of Luck to Ms. O' Reilly

After the Mid-Term Break, our beloved Junior Room teacher, Ms. O'Reilly will commence her maternity leave. Scoil Chaitríona won't feel quite the same, but we congratulate her and wish her all the best during this special time in her life.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Ms. Sinead Luke, who will deputise in her place. Ms. Luke comes with a wealth of experience and a passion for early education, music, and drama. She has been in school observing the class, meeting the children and discussing plans with Ms. O'Reilly over the last couple of weeks.

Attendance

Our good run continues! We are delighted to report that October's attendance was 1% better this year than it was for the same time last year. Thank you for all your efforts and let's keep up the good work! A reminder that class begins at 9.20 each morning after which time children will be marked as late.

Month	2022 / 2023	2023 / 2024
September	87.6%	92.7%
October	88.0%	89.0%
Total	87.8%	90.9%

Ag Sugradh Le Cheile

Once again, we will be hosting Ag Sugradh Le Cheile in our school hall this year. This is a fun initiative that aims to promote active play by involving both children and parents. The workshop is targeted at children from infants to second class and will be hosted by the school on **Friday 10th November**. During the workshop parents/ guardians participate with their child/children in a variety of activities including ball games, music and rhyme and traditional games. This course will be facilitated by a trained tutor from Donegal Sports Partnership. We will be in touch with more information next week.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Our school will be participating in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year. If you would like to take part, please leave your shoebox into the school before Friday 10th November. To learn more click the link below: <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/how-to-fill-a-shoebox/>

Aladdin Connect

After Mid-Term break, we will be asking all parents to download Aladdin Connect. This is an excellent App which will further improve communication between home and school. The App will save the school time and money and will allow parents to contact the school regarding absences, permission slips, and parent teacher meetings. Parents can also view their children's attendance records and there will be a record of all text messages sent out by the school. We will be in touch shortly with some guidance on how to get set up.

Our Spooky Dress Up...







See more in our 'News' Section on our school website:

<https://www.scoilchaitrionaballyshannon.ie/news/>