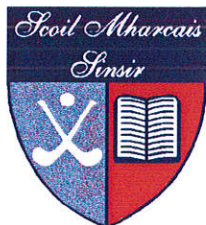


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*Friday 16th June 2017*

*Dear Parents / Guardians,*

*As we are nearing the end of another school year, I would like to summarise a few reminders for you:*

### ***School Matters***

#### ***Non-Uniform Day Monday 19th June***

##### **“Wear The Blue for €2” in aid of Mozambique**

On Monday 19th June we are asking all children to “Wear The Blue for €2”. They can wear their tracksuit bottoms or blue jeans with a blue t-shirt (school polo shirt, if they so wish) and they **bring in €2**. The funds raised will go to our twin school, Passo-a-Passo in Mozambique. Mr. Fitzsimon’s is a past member of staff in St. Mark’s S.N.S. and he has been working tirelessly for over 20 years helping the children and their families. In May of this year himself and his wife Ursula visited all of the sixth classes.

#### ***Passo-a-Passo / Cake Sale Monday 19th June***

##### **“Cake Sale” in aid of Mozambique**

Our annual Cake Sale in aid of our twin school, Passo-a-Passo in Mozambique, will be held also on Monday 19th June. The 6th Class teachers and children will organise the event in the school hall. We are hoping to raise a lot of money for Passo-a-Passo. Please help us.

### ***Sports Days***

The following are the dates and times for this years Sports Days. All families are very welcome to attend.

**Tuesday 20th June 2017** Third Classes: 9.20 - 11 am

Fourth Classes: 11.30 - 1 pm

**Wednesday 21st June 2017** Fifth Classes: 9.20 - 11 am

Sixth Classes: 11.30 - 1 pm

##### **Please Remember:**

1. We will be taking photos of the sports days and putting them the website. We are requesting that no photographs or videos be take by any parents or visitors to the school.
2. Sports Days are full school days for all children.
3. For children to partake in sports day they must be wearing the school tracksuit and a pair of runners.

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Deputy Principal: CLODAGH WHAN

## ***Sponsored Walk in aid of 3G Pitch***

St. Mark's SNS and St. Mark's JNS are holding a Sponsored Walk to raise funds for the 3G Pitch on Friday 23rd June.

## ***Book Rentals and Materials Money***

Many thanks to the majority of parents who have paid the Rental & Materials Money for 2017/18. If you have not yet paid, please pay the balance before the school closes on Friday 30th June.

Children whose Book Rental Money is fully paid will receive their books when they return to school on Friday 1st September 2017

## ***Library Books***

As you are aware we have invested large sums of money, raised by our Parent Teacher Association, to build up a stock of excellent books for our class libraries. If your child has any School Library Books at home please send them into the school before we close on Friday 30th June.

## ***Farewell to our 6th Classes of 2016/17***

### **Sixth Class Barbecue / Sports Day**

Our 6th Class pupils will be having a Barbecue on **Tuesday 27th June** weather permitting, to celebrate the contribution they have made to the school community over the past four years. They will also be taking part in various sports activities in the morning. Ms. Jean Gilmore, our School Completion Coordinator and the sixth class teachers will be providing the barbecue.

### **Graduation Sixth Class**

The Graduation Mass for the Sixth Classes will be celebrated by Fr. Pat McKinley P.P. in St. Mark's Church on Wednesday 28th June 2016 at 11.30 a.m. This is a very special event for our sixth class children and their parents / guardians. Children under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult.

All parents, guardians and family members of our 6th class boys and girls are invited to the Graduation Ceremony. After Mass the children will be presented with their Graduation Packs. St. Mark's Parent Teacher Association have organised a Special reception for all family and friends in St. Mark's school hall. You are all very welcome.

## *School Closures June 2016 / Re-openings September 2016*

### **School Closings**

**Friday 30th June:** School closes for the Summer Holidays at 12 noon.

### **School reopening in September**

School will reopen on Friday 1st September Children are to come to school at the following times:

**8.50 am:** 6th Class - go straight to their new classroom.

**8.50 am:** 4th Class - go straight to their new classroom.

**9.30 am:** 5th Classes - assemble in School Hall. They will be divided into their new classes.

**10.00 am:** 3rd Class - assemble in School Hall. They will be divided into their new classes.

Children will finish school at the normal time 2.30 p.m. on the 1st of September.

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and a happy summer holiday. I look forward to working with you again in the coming September.*

*Thank you for your ongoing support. With every good wish.*

*Yours sincerely,*



*Richard Walsh*

*Principal*