

St Brigid's N.S.

19th February 2020

We would like to extend our thanks to our previous Board of Management for their commitment and dedication over the last 4 years and to welcome our new board members.

We wish to update you on recent news items regarding our school and we have some important dates for you to note.

First Confession	--	Tuesday 25 th February @ 7.00pm
First Holy Communion	--	Saturday 16 th May @11.00 am
Confirmation	--	Friday 13 th March @ 6.00 pm in Tunnyduff Church

Green Schools Update- our committee would like to thank parents and pupils for their support. **WOW** days i.e. Park n' Stride from the church to the school will be continuing for the remainder of the year (weather permitting).

Congratulation to Ms O'Kane and Ms Fitzpatrick who both gave birth to baby boys during January!

We wish to remind everyone that our school Parents Association are holding a Ladies Night in the Bailie Hotel on Saturday 29th February at 7 pm. Funds raised will go towards the construction of an Astro Turf pitch at the rear of the school. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

We will be closed on Tuesday 17th March for St. Patrick's Day.

This year our school will close for Easter Holidays on 3rd April and re-open on Monday 20th April.

- We celebrated Grandparents Day on Friday 30th January with a very moving service and we wish to thank all those who attended.
- The *Link Credit Union Quiz* was held in Kingscourt recently. We entered 2 teams who acquitted themselves really well. Our under 11's came 3rd and our under 13's came 5th in a very competitive finish. The Cumann na mBunscol Quiz was held yesterday evening in the Hotel Kilmore and although we didn't win any prizes, our teams performed very well. Thanks to all the children who put in a lot of hard work.
- GAA coaching with Graham is still taking place on Mondays for infants and 1st/2nd class. He will be taking the senior classes from March onwards.
- Boys and girls from 4th to 6th class have commenced training for the FAI 5-a-side soccer competition on Fridays with Mr McPhillips. One girls' team and 2 boys' teams have been entered into the competition which takes place in March.

knows of new families in the area who wish to enrol their child, please contact the school.

The Board of Management wish to thank all those families who paid the Parental Contribution this year.

Parents are reminded to visit our **SCHOOL Website** at www.tunnyduff.weebly.com to keep up to date on reviewed policies and ongoing school activities.

Our **2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR** was a great success and raised funds of €2050 for our school. We are very grateful to all those who purchased calendars and to our generous sponsors.

Many thanks to parents and the wider community who supported the sale of our **ST. BRIGID'S CROSSES**. A profit of €415 was made!

We hope to hold another *Cook for Clutter Bitty* in mid March.

Please keep our CLOTHES BANK in mind as it is a valuable source of revenue for the school – over €1000 was raised during the last school year!

We have recently reviewed school attendance since September.

Parents have been informed if their children have missed more than 10 days so far this school year. Please remember to send in a note when your child returns to school after a period of absence.

Please note that we are obliged to notify TUSLA (Child and Family Agency) if a child is absent from school for 20 days or more in the school year.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In the interest of Health and Safety parents are reminded to use the car parking area as a set down area only, access and leave this area slowly and safely and refrain from parking near the designated bus parking area. Please accompany children to and from the school gate.

The Board of Management have requested that parents please slow down when entering and leaving the car park.

SCHOOL DAY

Assembly	9.20 am
Morning break	11.00am – 11.10am
Lunch break	12.45pm – 1.15pm
Infants home	2.00pm
Classes 1 st – 6 th home	3.00pm

Attendance and Punctuality are encouraged at all times.

Parents are reminded that children should not be in the school yard prior to 9.20am and after 3.00pm as supervision is not provided.

We offer our condolences to our principal, Ms Haughey, on the recent death of her mother.