
















# CARLANSTOWN NS - MARCH/APRIL 2020

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL VISIT THE SCHOOL 4<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE FAIR FROM 2 – 3.15 PM EACH DAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 VISITING PLANETARIUM & SPACE WORKSHOP FOR ALL CLASSES. 	03	04  BOOK FAIR ARRIVES TODAY!	05  WORLD BOOK DAY	06  CYCLE WORKSHOP 6 OF 8	07 FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS FOR PARENTS & PUPILS @ 6.30 IN KILBEG CHURCH
08 ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC RECORDER EXAMS	09  LAST DAY OF THE BOOK FAIR!	10 MINI- MUSICIANS CONTINUES EVERY TUESDAY UNTIL EASTER 	11  FIRST CONFESSION @ 7 PM IN KILBEG CHURCH.	12 DRAMA  CONTINUES EVERY THURSDAY	13  CYCLE WORKSHOP 7 OF 8	14
15	16 SCHOOL CLOSED	17  St. Patrick's Day	18  GAA COACHING EVERY WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> , 4 <sup>TH</sup> , 5 <sup>TH</sup> & 6 <sup>TH</sup> CLASS	19  'SCHOOL SAVING SCHEME' CONTINUES EVERY THURSDAY	20  CYCLE WORKSHOP 8 OF 8	21
22  Happy Mother's Day	23	24 MINI- MUSICIANS JUNIOR INFANTS – THIRD CLASS 	25  SWIMMING CONTINUES EVERY WED SENIOR INFANTS, 2 <sup>ND</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup>	26	27 CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK ON ANTI-BULLING POLICY	28  PREPARATION MASS FOR PUPILS & PARENTS @ 6.30 IN KILBEG CHURCH
29	30	31	01  DON'T FORGET 'MOTHERS & OTHERS' TRAINING AT THE ST, MICHAELS PITCH EVERY WEDNESDAYS @ 8PM	02  LIGHTS CAMERAS ACTION! SCHOOL SHOW IN SVP HALL KELLS DOORS OPEN AT 6.30 PM SHOW BEGINS AT 7PM.	03 SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 12 O'CLOCK FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS 	

DRAMA REHEARSALS TUES, WED & THURS IN SVP HALL KELLS

# MARCH NEWSLETTER

The school will host its annual school show on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** in the St Vincent de Paul Hall @ 7pm. Third & Fourth class will open the show with their play '**Charlie & the Chocolate Factory**' followed by Fifth & Sixth Class with their production of '**Sister Act**'. The children attend drama classes each week with Mr John Grant from the Kells Drama Society. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to perform on stage and showcase their talents. We invite all friends and families of the school to the show. Please spread the word. It promises to be an excellent night's entertainment. Tickets are available at the door on the night. The PA will also be holding a raffle on the night.

## **DRAMA REHEARSALS IN SVP HALL, KELLS**

TUES 31<sup>ST</sup>, WED 1<sup>ST</sup> & THURS 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> - 9.30 – 11.30

5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> – 11.30 – 1.30

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class children can go to the theatre dressed in their costumes and bring their PE uniform to change into afterwards. **They also need to bring their schoolbags with them to the theatre.** Children must wear t-shirts/tops under their costumes as members of the production team will be fitting the mics on children. All children need to bring safety pins and a belt. A letter with the final arrangements will issue after the St. Patricks Day Break.



Thank you to all the parents who attended our Internet Safety Workshop with Ger Brick on 6<sup>th</sup> March. When working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class children during the day, Ger highlighted how the internet can be a useful tool both educationally and socially but how it can also be a dangerous place. In addition to teaching children about staying safe when using internet technologies, Ger also taught them the importance of knowing how to behave responsibly online. In the parents session Ger outlined how we can keep children safe online while ensuring their technology use is positive and purposeful. The feedback we have received to date has been extremely positive. The material presented to parents is available for viewing via the school website <https://www.carlanstownns.ie/parents/safer-internet>. We urge all families to take time to review this material.



## **LUNCHBOX REMINDERS**

We kindly ask all parents to adhere to the school's healthy eating policy. **Chewing gum, popcorn, crisps, sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks are not permitted.** They do not have a nutritional value and will not provide your child with the energy required to sustain attention & concentration throughout a busy school day. We do not have a 'Treat on Friday' policy. Instead we encourage parents to have treats at home if you so wish **NUTS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**



This month we are reviewing our **Anti-Bullying Policy** & ask you to carefully consider the policy which is available on the school website. We adopt the anti-bullying policy within the framework of the school's overall code of behaviour. A hard copy is also available on the parents' noticeboard within the main school building. This policy clearly outlines the role school and home has in safeguarding all of our pupils. If you have any comments please email them to [carlanstownns@gmail.com](mailto:carlanstownns@gmail.com). All feedback will be considered.



Best of luck to all the children from Second & Third Class who are taking part in the Royal Irish Academy of Music Exams on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The children will be examined on their recorder pieces which they have been learning during their Mini Musicians lessons with Yvonne Chilton.



Thank you to all the families who supported our recent fundraisers on Pink & Red Day (€202) & Pancake Tuesday (€212). Combined we raised €414 and this will be used to offset the cost of the buses to and from drama rehearsals.



We are counting down the days until the **'Scholastic Book Fair'** visits our school again this year. There will be hundreds of new children's books to enjoy. The Fair is a fantastic way to generate enthusiasm and foster a love of reading within the school. **Purchasing books is completely optional.** Classes will visit the fair each day and engage in a wide range of reading activities. At the Book Fair, both fiction and non fiction selections are available **Parents are invited to come along with your child and browse through the books from 2-3.15 pm each day.** The Book Fair will **not** be open before school. If sending money to school with your child, please place it in a sealed envelope with the amount clearly written on the outside and the titles they wish to buy. The book fair is also an excellent way to provide a wide variety of up to date reading material for our library as the school will receive 60% commission in free books from all sales. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from and with prices starting from only €4.00 there's sure to be a book for everyone. The children can use their World Book Day Tokens against any book they purchase. Every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our new Accelerated Reader School Library!

