



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention in this February Newsletter.

COVID-19 Toonagh NS Response Plan and Antigen Testing:

The same restrictions are still in place in schools to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are awaiting an update from the Government at the end of the month. Cases are still high in primary schools and we will know more by the end of February. For now please note:

1. When a parent receives a **positive Antigen test** on their child or a positive PCR COVID-19 test result on their child, they should notify the school. The principal will inform the parents of the other children in the class and they will have the option to receive free antigen tests for their child.
2. When a primary school pupil is a **household close contact** they must restrict their movements for 7 days (if they can isolate from the positive case) or 14 days (if they can't isolate from the positive case). On the last day of restricted movement, if the pupil is symptom free and has a negative Antigen test, they can then return to school.
3. Children from 3rd- 6th class are still required to wear face masks and well done to all the children in these classes who have all managed this very well.

Adults must continue to wear face masks if entering the school yard or grounds.

Enrolment Junior Infants and other classes September 2022:

Application forms can be downloaded on our school website toonaghnschool.com or one can contact the school to receive a form.

If you know of another child (neighbour, relation, friend etc..), please inform them of this. The closing date for enrolment will be the 28th of February.

Staff Planning and School Self Evaluation:

School Self Evaluation is where we have to review one area of our teaching and learning in Toonagh NS over a two year period. We are continuing with the area of Wellbeing with a particular emphasis on improving the resilience of our pupils. We are focusing on particular lessons and strategies to help with our pupil's wellbeing.

At our half in half out staff meeting in February, the curriculum subjects that we planned for and reviewed were Science, History and Geography. Next Term we intend to look at Irish and English.

In term 3 there will be a half day closure for a staff planning meeting and New Language Curriculum Training. We will notify you of this date in an upcoming newsletter.

Catholic Schools Week and Grandparents' Day:

Catholic Schools week was celebrated at school during the last week of January and Grandparents' Day was acknowledged on Wednesday of that week. The Theme for Catholic Schools Week was 'Living Life to the Full' and children have faced many challenges and changes that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused. The children in Toonagh designed and created cards for their grandparents. In some classes the children interviewed their grandparents and discussed what life was like for them during their school days. Photos of Catholic Schools Week in Toonagh NS can be seen on the school's Twitter page.

Sacraments' update:

The date for the First Holy Communion is Saturday May 14th @ 11am in Dysart Church and the date for the Confirmation is Saturday May 28th @ 11am in Dysart Church.

Donations of Books:

Whenever families are doing a clear out of books or toys we would welcome donations of intact, undamaged and suitable jigsaws, lego, toys and books.

We are especially trying to increase our stock of Accelerated Reader (AR) books for our new library. If you are doing a clear out of books at any stage that are on AR we will use them for our library. Thank you.

Ruan Hurling and Camogie Registration 2022:

Ruan Hurling and Camogie Club are welcoming new members and existing members to join for the coming season. Boys and girls that wish to play hurling and camogie in 2022 with Ruan need to register and details were sent out this month on email.

Parents Association News:

- **Bob a Job Fundraiser:** Please see information attached here on the upcoming 'Bob a Job' Fundraiser. The children also received a collection card and we hope they enjoy taking part. Cards are to be returned in the envelope provided by Wednesday 2nd March.
- **Clothes Collection:** The date for the next clothes collection will be the week after the February mid-term break on Thursday March 3rd. **Drop off times on the date will be 9-10am, 1.45 – 3pm, and 6.30 -7.30pm.** Please spread the word among anyone who may be doing a clear out of old clothes. Thank you.

These fundraisers will be a great help for buying important school resources for the children. Currently we are investing in new books for the Accelerated Reader Programme, new books for the Literacy Lift Off Reading Programme and new Library furniture for our new school Library which we are developing. Thanks for your support.

Important Dates coming up:

- **21st – 25th of February (inclusive):** School closed for mid-term break.
- **Thursday March 3rd:** Clothes Collection Date.

Wishing you all a nice mid-term break.

Gearóid Roughan

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Toonagh School “Bob a Job” Week

21st – 25th February 2022 (Mid Term week)

Over the mid term break, every pupil will be asked to participate in our “Bob a Job” Week. The idea is to do a job for your parents, your grandparents, a nearby relation or a neighbour* (*only with your parent’s permission) and, in return, ask for a contribution from them of no more than €2.

Each child should try to do a minimum of 3 paid jobs but no more than 5, as part of your Bob a Job Week.

Please complete the form overleaf with the name of the person you helped and the job you completed.

Some ideas of the jobs you could do are:

Clean your room

Vacuum the room / house

Load/empty the dishwasher

Take out the bins

Wash the car

Bring a pet for a walk

Feed the pets

Do the laundry

Sweep the floors

Clean up leaves outside the house

Make breakfast/lunch

#Remember:

- Before you start, agree with the adult, what your job will be
- Don’t leave the job before it’s fully finished
- Ask your parent’s permission beforehand, if you are calling to a different house to do a job
- Unless it’s within your own home, try to complete outdoor jobs only and remember to wear your mask when necessary

Lastly, and most importantly, have fun!

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Pupil's name _____ Class _____

To the parent /adult: Please give this child a task which is appropriate for their age.
Once the job is completed to your satisfaction, we would appreciate you giving this child a payment of no more than €2.

All funds raised in Bob a Job week, will be used by the school to pay for activities and events, which benefit all the children in Toonagh School.

Name of adult you helped	The task you completed	Payment received

Thank you for your support!

Please ensure that all forms and money are returned to your teacher in the envelope provided by Wednesday 2nd March