



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

*Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis,
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30th of January 2025

Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention. January has been a very challenging month with the very poor weather we experienced, we were able to keep the school open throughout this. We had some storm damage which we managed to repair and make safe last weekend and we were therefore able to open on Monday this week. Thanks to everyone for their support.

School Inspection on the teaching of English

An inspector from the Department of Education recently inspected Reading, Writing and Oral Language in all classes from Infants to 6th Class over a two-day period. The quality of teaching was rated very good and well done to all the teachers. The Inspector complimented the standard of Reading in all classes from Infants to 6th. The use of levelled readers (PM levelled Readers) in all classes means that the children are reading at their correct Instructional Level and they are making great progress at their reading. The Inspector highly commended the reading interventions we have in place in all classes from Infants to 6th, these are station teaching of Reading in infants, Literacy Lift Off, Guided Reading, and Accelerated Reader and he commented very positively on the excellent culture of reading in our school. The Inspection report will be available to view online in the near future.

Grandparents and Relatives Day

On Friday February 14th we are inviting Grandparents and Relatives to visit our school. There will be mass at 11a.m. with some music and song from the children. There will then be a fun game of bingo for all our children and visitors! There will also be some refreshments served afterwards for our visitors.

Enrolment to Toonagh NS 2025/26

If you know of a parent with a child who would like a place in our school in Junior Infants or in another class for September 2025, they can email Noelette to receive an Application Form for Enrolment. Application forms can also be downloaded on our website toonaghns.com. The closing date for enrolment is 21st of February 2025. Thank you.

Donation of Books

We are trying to increase our stock of Accelerated Reader (AR) books for our 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.

Pupil Attendance

Since we returned on August 30th, the average attendance has been 95%. It is very important to let the school know if your child is absent and the reason why as we have to record this on our daily school attendance records. It is school policy that reasons must be given in writing/email to the class teacher for school records.

Healthy Lunches

Our school continues to promote healthy eating with a Healthy Lunch Policy in the school. Sweets, chocolate bars, crisps and fizzy drinks are not permitted. One small treat is permitted on Friday. We look forward to embracing a healthy school. Many thanks for your continued co-operation.

Communicating with the School

Please contact the school if you have changed your mobile number or email address and if you are not receiving texts/emails.

Please note our secretary (Noelette) works on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and you can contact the school on these days. Outside of these days we try to check the school voicemail end of the school day. Also outside of these times the phone will rarely be answered as all staff are in class. School contact details are 065-6820143 or via email at toonaghschool@gmail.com.

School Planning half day closure

The school will close on Wednesday February 5th @12.30 pm for a half day for a Staff meeting to facilitate staff planning. Buses will operate as normal at this time.

School Sport

- **Hurling & Camogie Wall Ball League:** This league is up and running for boys and girls that wish to take part from 3rd – 6th. The league takes place at sos and lunch times in the excellent Indoor Astro Turf facility and it is helping the children to develop their skills.

Parents Association News:

- **Refreshments for Grandparents Day:** Our Parents Association are organising refreshments for our visitors on Friday February 14th, more details closer to the date.

Important Dates coming up:

- **Monday February 3rd:** School closed for February Public Holiday.
- **Wednesday February 5th:** School Closes @12.30pm for staff planning meeting.
- **Friday February 14th:** Grandparents Day @ 11am.
- **17th – 21st of February (inclusive):** School closed for mid-term break.

Wishing you all a happy Bank Holiday weekend and thanks for your continued support.

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