



# SPRING

15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*Nurturing each and all. Guiding, Trusting, Inspiring and Celebrating*

Dear Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the festive break. This term looks set to be another busy one with many activities planned. Please look at the school website, in particular your child's class page, to keep you informed and up to date.



## Dates for your diary:

Spring Term	Charterville Class swimming
January	Bird Watching Month
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	U11 Partnership Athletics
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Charterville visit to Viridor Ardley Energy Recovery Facility
5 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Week & Children's Mental Health Week
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear Your Scarf to School Day
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm	SENDCO drop in
4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Week
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week

## Attendance

The staff and governors, alongside the Local Authority, believe that all pupils benefit from regular attendance and therefore we ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives punctually and regularly. Arriving late for school impacts your child's start to the school day. Those children, who arrive promptly, are settled and working by 8.50am and therefore increasing their learning time. There is a clear link between pupils' attendance and their achievement at school. We have a duty to involve the County Attendance Team when attendance drops. If your child is unwell, please ensure that you notify the office before the start of the school day, either by telephone or email. This also applies in the case of dental or medical appointments when advance notice should be given and confirmation of appointment provided. Where possible, we would ask that appointments are made outside of school hours – thank you.

**Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom**

This term our school value is **Compassion**.

*Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also care for the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:4

### School Uniform

Please be reminded that **long hair** must be tied back and that jewellery and Smart watches are not allowed. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure that they wear only stud earrings to school. Make-up and nail varnish are also not permitted.

### Winter Weather ❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️

Should we have heavy snowfall and need to close the school, we will send you a text alert. We will always try to open the school if it is safe to do so.

### Dinner Money

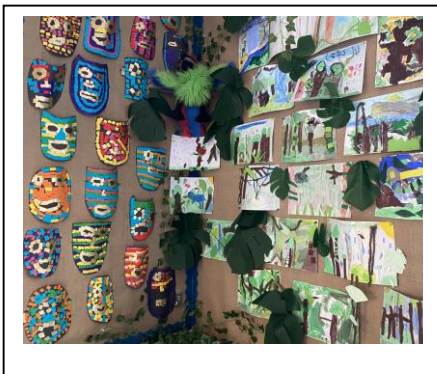
Dinner money will only be accepted on a Monday, unless your child is ill. Processing monies takes up a large amount of office and teaching time and late money impacts teaching staff and the teaching day.

### 1000 Hours Outdoors

If you haven't made a new year's resolution, why don't you consider taking a look at this lovely idea, which is a global platform that encourages families and children outdoors and away from their screens! Take a look at their website and see if it inspires you in 2024 <https://www.1000hoursoutside.com/>

### Boccia Champions!

Massive congratulations to Florence, Riley and Jason, who represented the school last term in the Boccia partnership competition coming first! They move on to the next round at the end of February. Well done!



Best wishes,

*Catherine Souch*