**Ballyfin N.S. Newsletter April 2023**

**School Uniform Questionnaire to Parents**:

Results of questionnaire sent out to parents before Easter.

School tracksuit only**: 87%** School uniform and school tracksuit:**13%** (the current position)

●All parents were balloted regarding the school uniform questionnaire. From the votes returned by parents it is clear that most parents wish to opt for the wearing of a school tracksuit only .

● The Parents Council, on behalf of all parents, will have to negotiate with the suppliers, Shaws and Colgans, regarding the changes required.

● This contact with the suppliers should happen in September or early October.

●Orders for the school year 2023/2024 happen a year in advance so the proposed changes will have to be implemented for the school year 2024/2025

**Heart Children Ireland:**

Our last fundraiser for the year “Heart Children Ireland” raised €572.72 for the charity.

The money was presented to Avril White (parent in the school ) and this was then handed over to Crumlin’s Children Hospital. Many thanks to our parents and pupils for supporting this great cause.

**Sacrament Dates:** Confirmation Friday 12th May at 11am in St.Fintan’s Church, Ballyfin.

First Communion Sunday 21st May at 2pm in St.Fintan’s Church, Ballyfin.

**Show and Tell:** Our Wellbeing Committee are organising **Show and Tell Day** today 28/4/2023.

Pupils can bring in to school an item,ie toy, photograph, medal, trophy ,signed jersey etc., which means a lot to them. They can show this item to their classmates and talk about it.

Ms.Spillane (3rd class) will bring in her bronze medal to show the boys and girls.

She won the bronze medal for Ireland at the World Masters Athletics Championship held in Poland before Easter

**School Closures:** May Bank Holiday: School closed **Monday 1st** and **Tuesday 2nd May.**

June Bank Holiday: School closed **Friday 2nd** and **Monday 5th June.**

Summer Closure: School closing on **Thursday 29th June at 12 noon.**

**School Calendar 2023/2024**: The school calendar 2023/2024 is attached separately to this e-mail.