**Ballyfin N.S. Newsletter September 2022**

**Welome:** We would like to welcome you all back to Ballyfin N.S. We hope it will be a safe and productive year for all our pupils.

We would especially like to welcome our new Junior Infant boys and girls and they seem to have settled well into their new environment.

**School Opening/ Closing Times :** School begins at **9.20 am** and finishes at **3.00 pm** . (**2.00pm** for Junior and Senior Infants )

As of the new school year (2022/2023) the children will be supervised in the school yard from **9.10am until 9.20am**. Please note that there is no school supervision for pupils **before 9.10am.**

From September 2020 until March 2022 the staff of the school was receiving children from 9.00am until 9.30am and classes began at 9.30am.

From March 2022 until June 2022 the staff of the school was receiving children from 9.00am until 9.20am and classes began at 9.20am.

Now that we have returned to pre-covid arrangements , teachers and S.N.A.s are no longer expected to provide this extra level of supervision cover.

**Confirmation Date:** Confirmation for Sixth Class will take place on Friday 28th April 2023 at 11am in St. Fintan’s church, Ballyfin. It is hoped that Bishop Denis Nulty will be present.

**Communion Date:** First Holy Communion for second class will take place a Sunday in May 2023.

Date and time to be confirmed.

**Cumann na mBunscol:** Our Cumann na mBunscol leagues for our boys and girls in fifth and sixth class are now up and running. Many thanks to our teachers involved-Mr. Looby, Ms. Saunders, Ms. Kavanagh and Ms.Reddin.

Well done to our Under 13 Footballers and Hurlers from Ballyfin GAA Club.

They are now double county champions.

**Covid 19:** If your child is showing any Covid 19 symptoms please do not send your child to school and contact your G.P.

**School Absences:** If your child is absent from school for any reason please send a written note to the class teacher including the date/dates of absence/absences ant the reason for absence/absences.

This information is required byTusla/Education Welfare Office

**School Website:** Our school website is www.ballyfinns.ie

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