**Ballyfin N.S. Newsletter November 2022**

**Admissions Notice:** Our Admission’s Notice outlines the sequence of closing dates for our enrolment process 2023/2024 .

Please note that we will be accepting completed application forms for our new Junior Infants (2023/2024) from **05/01/2023** until **26/01/2023**.

The Admissions Notice plus the Admissions Information and forms can be viewed on our school website [www.ballyfinns.ie](http://www.ballyfinns.ie)

Just check on the Home page.

**Science Week/ November14th-18th:** The children will be busy this week with horticulturalist Aoife Munn hosting workshops with Junior Infants to Second class –focussing on Soap Making.

Edel Heeran from Outdoor Learning will host workshops with Third to Sixth class-focussing on Mapping and Species Identification.

The junior end of the school will be working with the senior end of the school to participate in science experiments. There will also be a Teagasc webinar on all things Cheese/ Dairy Products.

Thanks to Ms. Bernadette Spillane, Science co-ordinator in the school .

**Book Fair/November14th-18th:** Our annual Book Fair takes place this week.

Books are available to view/purchase from 9.00am -9.30am each morning this week.

Parents of Junior Infants/Senior Infants can also view/purchase books from 2.00pm each day this week. The school will receive 60% commission on book sales. Thank you for your support.

Thanks to Mrs Martina Kelly, Book Fair co-ordinator in the school.

**Confirmation Retreat:** Confirmation Retreat for our sixth class takes place on **Wednesday 26th April 2023.** The retreat takes places at the De La Salle Brothers, Castletown.

We would like to thank Fr. Brophy and the parish who are covering the cost of the retreat/bus.

**Christmas Nativity Plays:** Our Junior and Senior Infant classes will perform their Nativity plays on **Tuesday 13th December**.

Parents welcome to attend these performances which will take place in the hall.

**9.30am-10.OOam** –Junior Infants **10.00am-10.30am** - Senior Infants

**Buns for Sale/P.A.T.H. fundraiser:** Our Wellbeing Committee (made up of pupils from third to sixth class) are organising a bun sale in the hall on Friday 2nd December. This is a fundraiser for the local charity P.A.T.H. P.A.T.H. is a non profit charity based in Portlaoise which provides food for the homeless of Dublin . €1 per bun!

**School Uniform/School Tracksuits**. We would ask parents to ensure that their children wear full school uniform during the week. Full school tracksuit to be worn on P.E. days.

**Uncollected Coats:** A number of pupils’ coats remain unclaimed in the school. We would ask parents to check with their children if coats are missing.

**Consent Forms:** The parental consent forms for the proposed School Calendar organised by our Parents Council must be returned to the school by this **Friday18th November.**

**School Calendar**: Christmas Break-School will close on **Wednesday 21st December at 12 noon** and will re-open on **Thursday January 5th 2023**.

Bus Eireann have been informed of the earlier closing time of 12 noon.