**Ballyfin N.S. Newsletter October 2022**

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** Our annual Parent/Teacher meetings take place on **Thursday 20th October** and **Monday 24th October.**

The children will finish school at **2.30pm** on both days to allow teachers prepare for these meetings. Teachers will be in contact with you to confirm your time for these meetings.

Bus Éireann are aware of the earlier closing times on these days.

**GOAL Jersey Day 2022:**  On **Friday 14th October,** fifth class will host Jersey Day in aid of GOAL. We are asking both staff and pupils to wear their favourite jersey to school and make a small donation of **€2.** You can wear any jersey you like from soccer to GAA, hockey to basketball. Whichever team you support, we want to see their colours.

**Harry Allen Retiring:**  Harry Allen, our treasurer on our board of management, is retiring from his role on the board at the mid-term break. On behalf of the school and the board we would like to thank Harry for all his years of hard work, dedication and interest in all matters relating to the school. He has been a key constant on successive boards of managements here in the school and he will be greatly missed.

We would like to wish Harry well and thank him for his vital contribution to the school over many years.

**Aladdin System**: Aladdin is the system the school operates to communicate with parents/families. Please note that Aladdin is a one way communications system.

E-mails sent out to parents/families can only be responded to by e-mailing **nsballyfin@gmail.com**

**Opening Times/Closing Times**: School begins at **9.20am** and finishes at **3.00pm.**

 ( Finishes at 2.00pm for Junior/Senior Infants)

The children will be supervised in the school yard from 9.10am until 9.20am.

Please note that there is no school supervision before 9.10am.

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

**New Date for Confirmation:** Please note that the new date for the sacrament of Confirmation is now **Friday May 12th at 11.00am** in St. Fintan’s Church, Ballyfin.

The main celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty

**School Wellbeing Programme:** We hope to recommence our School Wellbeing Programme after the mid –term break. Our School Wellbeing Committee (made up of pupils from third to sixth class) will meet up to discuss the Wellbeing Plan for the school year.

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

This information is required by Tusla/Education Welfare Officer.

**Mid- term Break:** The school will be closed from **Monday 31st October** and will re-open on **Monday 7th November.**

**School Website**: Our school website is[**www.ballyfinns.ie**](http://www.ballyfinns.ie)

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