



January

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you well-rested and ready for the wonderful adventures that lie ahead. As we step into a brand-new term together, we extend a thanks to each and every member of our St. Cronan's family - parents, guardians, staff, children, and all those who play a vital role in creating the vibrant community that makes our school so special.

At this time of year we are beginning to think about the new Junior Infants who will join us in **September 2024**. This year we had a record number of applications - 192! Unfortunately we can't accommodate everyone but we will keep updating our waiting list.

Here's to a term filled with warmth, growth, and shared successes!

Best Wishes

Edel Blake

Parent's Association AGM

Our Parents Association is the heartbeat of our school community, and you are an integral part of it! Mark your calendars for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 6th February in the school hall. This isn't just a meeting; it's a celebration of the collaborative spirit that defines St. Cronan's. Join us to share your thoughts, contribute ideas, and learn how you can actively shape the St. Cronan's experience for your child. There will also be a special speaker. The AGM is also an opportunity to welcome new faces to the Parents Association committee - your chance to make a lasting impact.

Grandparent's Day - Thursday 25th January

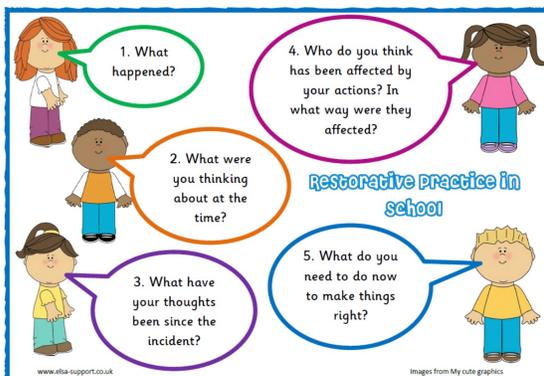
Grandparents Day - A Celebration of Love: One of the most heart-warming days of the term is just around the corner - Grandparents Day! On **25th January**, we invite some grandparents of our children to share in the joy of their grandchildren's school experience. It's an afternoon filled with smiles, laughter, and the special bond between generations. Class teachers have been in communication via Aladdin about arrangements for any classes that are participating.

Restorative Practice

Restorative Practices - Building Stronger Connections:

At St. Cronan's, we believe in creating a school environment where every individual feels valued, heard, and respected.

Our implementation of restorative practices is a testament to this commitment. We are holding whole staff training in this area on Wednesday 24th January from 1:40. Restorative Practice focuses on building strong relationships, understanding diverse perspectives, and resolving conflicts in a way that fosters growth and understanding. When discussing an incident with a child we use **core questions**. These questions are:



Attendance

We are continuing our focus on good attendance this year. Remember: **HERO** - Here, Everyday, Ready, Ontime.

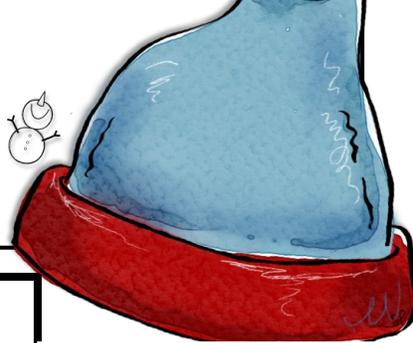
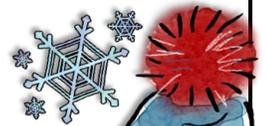
Parents and teachers who work together are UNSTOPPABLE.

Hot Meals Scheme

In our continuous efforts to enhance the student experience, we are excited to introduce a new initiative - the Hot Meals Scheme! This is fully funded by The Department of Social Inclusion. Commencing in April, our children will have the chance to taste delicious and nutritious hot meals delivered to the classrooms. We believe that a warm meal not only fuels the body but also adds a touch of comfort to the school day. We have a small group of parents and children tasting the food from the different companies. Once a company has been selected all the details will be shared.

Dates to Note

- 25th January - Grandparent's Day for notified classes
- 2nd February - Barretstown Education Team visiting: Rooms: 9-8-1A
- 5th February - Bank Holiday
- 5th - 9th February - Kindness Week in St. Cronan's JNS
- 7th February - Drumming Workshop for Junior & Senior Infants
- 7th - 8th February - Parent Teacher Meetings (not for Room 15)
- 12th - 16th February - Mid-term break - School Closed
- 29th February - 1st Confession: Rooms: 1A-2A-3A - 7PM, Rooms 19-20 - 8PM
- 18th March - Bank holiday - School Closed
- 22nd March - Last day of term. Junior & Senior Infants home at 11:45, 1st & 2nd class home at 11:55
- April - Free Hot Meals will begin!
- 15th May - 2nd Class photographs - times to follow
- 24th June - 2nd Class Graduation: 9:30 - 1A, 10:15 - 2A, 11:00 - 3A
- 25th June - 2nd Class Graduations: 9:30 - Room 19, 10:15 - Room 20.



Board Of Management - Agreed Report

1. The Board of Management of St. Cronan's JNS are delighted to hear of plans for a Drumming Workshop for Junior & Senior Infants and a new Music Programme for 1st Class.
2. Details of the upcoming upgrading of electrical cabling, boards and lighting were discussed.
3. Arrangements for upcoming Parent -Teacher meetings were discussed.
4. The BOM would like to wish everyone involved a lovely Grandparent's ` day.