



# SCOIL NIOCLÁS NAOFA

Dunmore, Co. Galway.

093 - 38349 info@dunmorens.com

www.dunmorens.com

Roll No: 197446

Newsletter April, 2018

## Calendar School Year 2017-2018

MONTH	DETAILS
May	Closing Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>
June	Closing Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Closing for Summer holidays on Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>

### Referendum:

The school will be closed for the forthcoming Referendum on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

## School Calendar 2018-2019

MONTH	DETAILS
August	School opening for pupils Thursday August 30 <sup>th</sup>
September	
October	Closing for Mid-term Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> – November 2 <sup>nd</sup>
November	Opening Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>
December	Closing for Christmas holidays Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>
January 2019	Opening Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>
February	Mid-term break: Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
March	Closing Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday)
April	Closing Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April Re-opening Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
May	Closing Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday)
June	Closing Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Bank Holiday) Closing for Summer holidays on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>

### Enrolment 2018-2019:

30 children have enrolled in Junior Infants for the coming school year. The school will not accept any further enrolments for Junior Infants from outside our catchment area.

### School Tours 2018:

The following are the dates which have been arranged for tours in June 2018:

Junior/Senior Infants – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 - Graune Pet Farm

First/Second class – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 – Let's Go - Athlone

Third/Fourth class – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018 – Let's Go, Breafoy

Fifth/Sixth class – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018 – “Bay Sports” Tour – Athlone

### Standardised Tests 2018:

The Drumcondra Standardised tests will be administered during the week of Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope that all the children will be in school that week. The teachers will arrange for any pupil who misses a test or part of a test, to complete the test at a later time.

The School Reports will be posted on Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>, and parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss the contents of the report with the teacher during the week of Monday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the school to arrange an appointment outside of teaching time.

**RSE Talk for Sixth Class pupils and their parents:**

As part of the Stay Safe Programme, talks on Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) will be provided to all pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> class only, and their parents. The talks will be delivered by Noel Kearney who has extensive experience in this area. The talks will be delivered on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the school hall in Garrafrauns National School at 8.00 pm.

**Staffing Arrangements 2018-2019:**

Ms. Denise Slattery has announced that she will go on Maternity Leave in early September, therefore, it will be necessary to employ a substitute teacher for Third Class from the second week of September on.

Ms. Tracey Burke and Ms. Aoife Monaghan will return to their respective classes in early June and we thank Ms. Curtin and Mr. O' Doherty for their good work in both classrooms. Ms. Burke and Ms. Monaghan have been granted permission by the BOM to "Job Share" in the coming year, therefore, a teacher will be employed in a temporary capacity for the year, in a teaching role yet to be decided by the Board.

Ms. Eibhlin Burke will teach 2<sup>nd</sup> class, as a substitute teacher, until the end of June 2018. A substitute teacher will be appointed for second class from September until mid-November to complete Ms. Breathnach's Maternity Leave.

**Mass Servers:**

Many thanks to the children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes who undertake Mass Serving duties each year. A group of 4<sup>th</sup> class children has volunteered to replace our 6<sup>th</sup> class children in September 2018 and Fr. Fergal will undertake a practice session with them before the summer holidays.

**Activity Week 2018:**

We hope to run our Activity week beginning Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. As in previous years, the teachers will provide a list of the necessary items e.g. potato and spoon, for participation in the events.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

John O' Mahony  
Principal