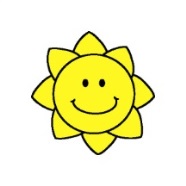


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***Calendar***

***June 23rd – 28th*** … Active School’s Week

***June 26th …*** Graduation for 6th class at 7.30pm in the school

***June 30th ....*** School closing 12 noon

***Aug. 28th*** …. Back to school (Thursday )

**Swim Rota**

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| **Teachers** | **Dates** |
| Ms. Mac Namara 4th  + Mr. Rogers 5th | June 18th |
| Ms. Nolan Shiels 2nd + Ms. Duggan S.I. | June 23rd |

**Please Note**: the swim sessions on June 18th + 23rd are free as part of our Active School’s Week

***Tracksuits + Uniforms***

***Parents may purchase uniform items in any store.***

***The crest will be available from the school office in the next few weeks. The following suppliers will supply uniform items and crested tracksuits.***

***All orders should be made directly to the suppliers – the school will not be involved in processing orders.***

***Please place your orders A.S.A.P.***

***The Back to School Shop, Cutlery Rd., Newbridge 045/449100***

***Linda Chanders 087/1272622***

***Please Note:***

***J. Infants – to 2nd (inclusive) wear tracksuits at all times.***

***3rd – 6th (inclusive) wear school uniform – tracksuits on PE days only***

School Insurance.

The form for school insurance is attached. All members of your family who attend Caragh NS can be put on the same form under the Allianz Company. The scheme will close on 26th September. It is your own choice to join or not.

Please make cheques out to Caragh National School.

Please keep payment separate from book money.

School crest are available from school office at €5 each .

**Retirement..**

The school community send good wishes to Marie Timmons who will retire this year after 32 years of service in Caragh N.S. We thank her for her years of commitment and hard work to the children of Caragh. The pupils will have a special day for Marie on Friday June 27th and all past pupils and parents are welcome to call from 1.30pm on.

Book Lists 2014 – 2015

All classes have received their book list for the next school year. We have tried to reduce the number of workbooks for all classes and have increased the number available for renting. Parents may purchase workbooks locally, or online from O’Mahony’s Books by following the link on the school website. Only buy atlas or dictionary if you don’t already have one. Book rental/art + craft and photocopying charges have been kept the same as last year. This fee is per family and we have designated times for payments on books lists as follows:

**From June 4th to 30th (school days)**

**Morning between 9.15 – 10am**

If you are sending in with a pupil please put book money only in an envelope with all children’s names on outside.

The D.E.S. operate a Book Grant Scheme, for large families, single parent families or Social Welfare payments and families experiencing financial difficulties of any kind. If you would like to avail of this part payment towards book rental contact Mary Dunne on the school phone (903091)

**Please try to make payment A.S.A.P.**

**School Fund Raiser . . .**

We propose to extend the area of Astro-Turf in the playground to allow children run and play safely during break times. This will involve a fund raising event early in the new school year. We welcome any suggestions or help from the entire parent body. Anyone interested in being involved or with access to sponsorship etc should contact Mary, Jerome or Sean at the school. More details in the new term.

A big **thank you** to all who collected used stamps over the year – we have almost 5 boxes full.

These will be passed on to St. Patrick’s in Kiltegan over the summer.

**STANDARDISED TESTS AND REPORTS**

The school completes a full standardised test in Maths and English in May. All classes from first to sixth have the tests administered. The results are used as a guidance on the progress of pupils, the work of the school and in identifying pupils with needs.

Results in standardised format are issued to all parents on end of year report. An explanation of what is involved and how to read the scores is included with report. End of year reports will be sent to all families by post.

Tours 2014

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| Class | Venue | Date | Price |
| J. I | Playball + Farm Visits | 18th June | €8 |
| S.I | Musical Production – Moate Theatre | 18th June | €15 |
| 3rd | Sea Life, Bray | 24th June | €15 |
| 4th | Croke Park | 25th June | €13 |

Please send money in an envelope with your child’s name on it to class teacher.

**Active School Week**

Active Schools Week takes place from the 23rd to the 27th of June this year. We have lots of different activities planned for each class and we would like to thank each group who has volunteered their time to help us. We would encourage every child to be especially active this week and to make a huge effort to complete one hour of physical activity a day. As many of the extra activities are outside children may wear in shorts for the week and also please ensure your child has sun cream on each day.

On 24th June in Caragh N.S as part of Active week, former National Hurling Co-Ordinator Paudie Butler will hold a **Fundamental Movement Skills** programme from 11am to 2.30pm. Anyone involved in coaching are invited to attend. Very informative, educational and most important fun for all the kids. For more info contact Donnacha 0868156978

Whacky Shoe

Competition.

The Parents’ Council have organised a Whacky Shoe Day for all pupils. Pupils are asked to design/decorate an old shoe. Entry fee is €2 per child. Judging will be on June 20th with prizes for each class

Cumann na mBunscol

Under 10 B winners

Our under 10 B team completed the double by winning the Cumann na mBunscol B competitions on the way to defeating a much fancier Naas in the final they beat Rathangan and Ballymany. This team was made up of 3rd class only and had trained 2 – 3 times a week during lunch times under the guidance of Mr. Murphy

**Senior Camogie Final**

For anyone lucky enough to enjoy the Senior Camogie final V Johnstownbridge they were treated to an exhibition of skill and effort. Unfortunately our girls lost out in extra time and the disappointment etched on their faces showed how much it meant to them. Miss Losty and Miss Greville were delighted with the magnificent performance put on by the girls

 Ice Cream Fun Day

fifth class recently held an Ice Cream Fun day in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland. Every class was invited and we sold over 500 ice cream sandwiches with sprinkles! We raised a whopping €1077 all of which we donated €160 of this went to the local Kildare Down Syndrome branch. Thanks to everyone for supporting us.

**Delphi . . .** 6th class have returned from their 3 night stay at Delphi Mountain Resort. They engaged in high-wire activities, bog trotting and kayaking among others. Their involvement and behaviour were an absolute credit to them (well done). Thanks to the teachers who gave up their weekend to allow this worthwhile trip to take place. Well done to all.

**Caragh Celtic -Mini world Cup**

**Sat. 21st in Donore**

All children who have registered please sign in at 12.30pm. 1st match 1pm.

Lots of fundraising activities including BBQ, Raffle, shop, penalty shoot out, crossbar challenge and lots of fun Contact 087/7488285 www.caraghceltic.com

**Raheens cycling committee**  would like to sincerely thank all who assisted in any way at their recent cycle rally, helping to make the day a great sucess. A special word of thanks Fr O'Connell,  Mary Dunne and Liz Roche  of Caragh NS, Fergal Nolan Avonmore, Alan Jordon Centra, Kevin Cooke Cooke's Bar, Nollaig Heavy Donnely Fruit and Garda John Rigney and Naas Garda Station." Also we would like to thank all who cycled on the day and as a result €3000 was raised for the club.

**Caragh Open Farm** **Summer Camp 2014**

Date: Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th of July

Time: 10am - 2pm - Age: 4 - 8 years old

Cost: €60 per child (10% discount for siblings)

The camp is being run by Emma Johnson, qualified primary school teacher. Contact Siobhán on 087 6957306 or on Facebook @ Caragh Open Farm.

Child minder wanted part-time from September to care for 3 children in their own home. School term time applies. For further details please contact – Niamh on 0872143748



**End of Year...**

The end of a school year is an important occasion for the whole school community. It is a special time for the outgoing sixth class. They come to the end of their years in Caragh school and spread out to numerous post-primary schools. We wish them well and hope they achieve their potential in all areas of life. We would hope they would take with them the attitudes towards others, community and life we try to pass on to them in Caragh. We wish them success in their further education ,a healthy life and hope they maintain the wonderful friendships they develop through their school years.

We thank them for the way they have conducted themselves while in Caragh and for the many ways they have represented Caragh school and Caragh community in musical, sporting and academic areas. We especially thank them for their kindness and positive attitude towards people and life.

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