

RATHFARNHAM



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## Weekly Update 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

### School Holidays – Friday 8, April



RETNS will close for holidays at 12.00 on Friday, 8 April.

We reopen at 08.50 on Monday, 25 April.

### This Week in RETNS

#### Parents/ Guardians welcome back to RETNS

We are gradually returning to preCOVID protocols so from **this Friday, 1 April**, parents/guardians are welcome to visit their children's classroom between 8.50 a.m. and 9.10 a.m. each Friday to familiarise themselves with their child's working space.

A bell at 9.10 a.m. each day indicates the start of lessons and that it is time for parents/guardians to leave the classroom.

**If you are visiting a classroom, please wear a mask.** The P.A. will organise two coffee mornings in the Nurture Room to welcome back parents/ guardians over the next fortnight. Tomorrow's coffee morning is for parents/ guardians of children in Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Next Friday, there will be a coffee morning for parents / guardians of children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Next Week in RETNS!

#### Cake Sale and Raffle!

6th Class is delighted to announce the return of the annual RETNS Cake Sale, which will take place next Thursday, April 7th. All funds will go directly to the Irish Red Cross to support their ongoing work in Ukraine.

Homework for all children next Wednesday will be baking, which can be dropped into the school hall on Thursday morning at 8:50. Pre-cut tray bakes, cupcakes, or anything that can be served in individual portions always work well, but we will also be on the lookout for full cakes as raffle prizes!

Any trays, plates or containers should be clearly marked with a name and class so that they can be returned at the end of the day.

Children are asked to bring some money (in a small purse if possible) into school on the day of the sale to buy cakes, biscuits, etc. (We recommend a maximum of €5 for senior children or €3 for junior children). Classes will visit the sale along with their teacher at an allocated time slot, where 6th Class will serve them. They will also have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets at this time. To ensure a high level of hygiene, 6th Class children will be wearing masks and gloves when serving, and all children will sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the hall.

As always, staff will be vigilant regarding children with food allergies or intolerances that are known to us. However, pupils who have allergies should not buy from unknown sources, even if they are marked allergen-free, as we cannot guarantee that this will be accurate. Children with food allergies should bring in their own cakes, clearly labelled with their name and class.

These will be kept in the school office until it is their time to visit the sale.

To raise additional funds this year, the Student Council will also hold an Easter hamper raffle for each class. These hampers were handmade and donated by Liz, our Classroom Assistant and have been shown to all classes today. The Student Council will be selling tickets for these hampers at lunchtime next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at a cost of 50c for a strip of five tickets.

### **Signing children in and out**

With COVID procedures changing, we have re-introduced signing in of children who arrive late and signing out for those collected early. Please use the book at Reception

### **Entering and Leaving School – please use Pedestrian Gate**

Now that everyone is accustomed to using the Pedestrian Gate in the morning, please use the same gate when leaving the school with your children in the afternoon. The main gate is for cars only.

### **Revision of Admissions Policy**

We are working on the revision of the Admissions Policy for 2023- 2024 and beyond. The most significant change is that we will no longer be operating a pre-enrolment list. Please see attached the draft policy [\\*RETNS Admissions Policy - Draft](#) . If you have any comment, please contact [info@retns.ie](mailto:info@retns.ie) by next Wednesday, 6 April.

## Ideas for Healthy Lunches

- Please see attachment from safe food

[SafeFood Healthy Lunchbox Ideas](#)

## Yoga Pose – Rock (see school website)



## Restorative Practice – Parents' / Guardians' Course – Part 7

### Shame Versus Guilt – how do we quieten the shame gremlins?

<https://ubuntulearning.connectrp.ie/courses/1062046/lectures/22579038>

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