

RATHFARNHAM



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Weekly Update 09th September 2022

Anne Marie Sheridan R.I.P.

Last weekend, we received the very sad news of the death of Anne Marie, mother of Donagh in 6th class. Anne Marie has been an active and much-loved member of the RETNS school community since Cass, Donagh's older brother, joined RETNS in Junior Infants. Over the years, Anne Marie gave her time to many school activities, most notably her pottery workshops. While we in RETNS share the sadness of Anne Marie's family and friends, we are grateful for her great contribution to school life.

This Week in RETNS

Swimming began for 5th and 6th this week. The children were glad to be back in the pool, our first school swim since before COVID. We began cycle safety for 5th on Monday. 5th and 6th had their first joint choir practice. They will participate in the National Children's Choir in 2023.

Toy Day

Friday is Toy Day. Children are allowed to bring one toy to play and share. Please encourage your child to bring a suitable toy. Any toys which encourage aggressive play are not allowed. Motorised/remote control toys are not allowed. For older children we like to foster games, which help to develop social play. Board games and puzzles are favourites.

Visits to your child's class

Parents/guardians are welcome to visit their child's classroom every Friday morning from 8.50 - 9.10.

Class Meetings

Class meetings provide an opportunity to learn more about the class curriculum, routines, homework procedures and requirements, and how you can help your child at home. All meetings will commence at 9.30am sharp and should end by 10am. A zoom invitation will be sent closer to the time.

We have chosen to continue with a Zoom format this year for the convenience of parents/guardians. We welcome feedback on this.

If you have any questions you wish to ask, they can be sent in advance to your child's class email address. Please note this email address will only be monitored for the purpose of sending questions. Email addresses are juniorinfants@retns.ie, seniorinfants@retns.ie, 1stclass@retns.ie, 2ndclass@retns.ie....

These meetings are scheduled as follows: -

Date	Class
Monday 19 th Sept.	6th
Tuesday 20 th Sept.	Senior Infants
Wednesday 21 st Sept.	3rd
Thursday 22 nd Sept.	4th
Monday 26 th Sept.	Junior Infants
Tuesday 27 th Sept.	2nd
Wednesday 28 th Sept.	5th
Thursday 29 th Sept.	1st

Information regarding COVID-19

The Department of Health and the office of the Chief Medical Officer have advised that there are no new requirements in respect of managing COVID-19. The key messages remains as follows:

Stay at home if you are unwell. This applies to both staff and children. The best way to keep all viruses out of school is to stay at home if you are unwell and until your symptoms have substantially resolved for 48 hours.

Attendance

Our school calendar is available on the school website. Please do not book holidays during term-time as children miss out on valuable learning time.

After School Opportunities

- Keyboard – see [Flyer](#)
- Nutty Scientist – there will be a flyer in school bags tomorrow

Yoga Pose – Mountain



Frásaí na Seachtaine –

Fáilte ar ais.

Maidin mhaith

Secondary Schools

Terenure College Information Morning – see information attached –
[Terenure College Information Morning](#)

De La Salle College Open Day – see information attached –
[Open Day DLS College](#)

As you may be aware DLS will be a Co-educational school from August 2023 onwards, an exciting change that we are really looking forward to. We are hosting our Open Day on September 20th from 3pm to 7pm. We would love to invite as many students (3rd – 6th) and parents from your school as possible.

Le dea-ghuí

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