**Scoil Bhríde**

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Dear Parents/Guardians

**It’s a pretty full newsletter this week, so please read both sides!!!!**

**Enrolment (September 2022) Closing Date is February 23rd**

For more details, please see the reverse side of this note.

**Nut Allergy**

Just a gentle reminder that we have pupils in our school with a nut allergy. For that reason ***our entire school is a nut free zone*** (and that includes all forms of chocolate spread). Thank you for your continued vigilance in this matter.

**Irish Figure Dancing Classes**

Skerries Irish Figure Dancing class conduct dancing classes in Nurney GAA hall each Friday night with beginners from 7.00pm to 7.45pm and main class from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.  They are a voluntary organisation affiliated to Kildare Irish Figure Dancing Council.  They aim to instil in children a love and respect for our culture through traditional Irish figure dancing.  The teachers and volunteers give their time free of charge and they strive to be as budget friendly as possible.  They train dancers in two, four, six and eight hand dances.  New dancers and ex dancers are welcome from school going upwards with classes costing €3 per night.

**School Policy update**

Our school’s Geography Policy has undergone an annual review and is available on our school website for reading and comment. Thank you.

**February and March the months of all seasons!**

As we head into a variety of weathers, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for each and every school day. Thank you

**World Book Day**

To celebrate World Book Day all pupils are being asked to dress up as their favourite book character on **Thursday March 3rd**. So please start planning your costumes! The Newspaper is being asked to send a photographer.

**Home Learning page on our school website**

If your child has to isolate or stay out of school due to COVID-19, please go to the following link on our school website to access the topics they would be doing at that time in class <https://www.nurneyns.com/home-learning>

**Dates for your diary**

* In lieu of The Government announcement of an extra bank holiday this year clashing with an already set school closure date on March 18th in our school, ***Scoil Bhríde will be closed on Monday March 21st***
* School closes at 2pm for all pupils on Tuesday April 5th 2022 to accommodate a staff meeting. Bus told.
* Mid-term break closure – ***School will be closed on February 24th and 25th***
* The Parish wishes to inform you that First Penance for families with children in 2nd class will be March 15th 2022 @ 7pm
* The Parish wishes to inform you that Communion for families with children in 2nd class will be May 7th 2022 @ 11am
* The Parish wishes to inform you that Confirmation for families with children in 6th class will be May 21st 2022 @ 11am

***Wednesday Note and school information also available***

***on* www.nurneyns.com**

***Thank you for your co-operation with the above.***

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**Vinny Thorpe – Principal**

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**\* *Junior Infant Enrolment Process and Timeline***

1. *“Expression of Interest in Enrolment Form”* available from school website all year long. This Form puts applicants on a mailing list only.
2. Enrolment forms posted to families on mailing list first Friday of February.
3. Enrolment Forms to be returned to the school fully filled in by 3pm the last school day before February mid-term break.
4. BOM meets the second Tuesday in March to (firstly) prioritize Enrolment Applications based on the Admissions Policy criteria (secondly) create a list of offered places and (thirdly) create a waiting list for places.
5. Letters offering a place are sent out on the second Friday of March. Letters informing applicants they are on the waiting list are sent out on the second Friday of March also.
6. Acceptance of offered place letters are to be returned to the school by 3pm the last school day of March along with a non-refundable deposit of the applicable book rental payment. This payment is not a condition of enrolment. It merely allows the school to purchase your child’s Book Rental Books so they are in place for your child in September.
7. During the month of April, the BOM meets to (firstly) discuss, create and finalize an accepted places list (secondly) to review the waiting list and decide if places are available for those on the waiting list (thirdly) issue letters to those who have been successful/unsuccessful in gaining a place from the waiting list.
8. The induction day for new junior infants and their parents is held on a date in June.
9. The school’s Annual Admissions Notice can be accessed here [www.nurneyns.com/enrolment](http://www.nurneyns.com/enrolment)