



October 2021

## *Dates for your diary*

- School will close on Friday 22nd Oct at normal school time for our mid-term break and will re-open on Monday 1st .
- Jnr Infant enrolments for next year are taking place, please go to our website for more information
- 9th Nov—Parent's Council AGM
- School closure—revised calendar on Aladdin App.
- 2nd Nov (Half day closure)
- 28th Jan (Closed full day)
- Please continue to regularly check your Aladdin App for Notices from the school.

Dear Parents,

As the mid-term break approaches we look back on a very busy September/October with all our new pupils settling in so well.

Some **activities old and new** have resumed... it is great to see tennis taking place for 1st class thanks to Hugh and Donabate Tennis Club. Our 6th class went on a local history walk and talk. Thanks to Peadar Bates for giving of his time and local history knowledge. The class really enjoyed being out and about. Our outdoor classroom visits have started for 3rd class and we welcome Andrew Fleming (OWLS) back to the school. GAA is always a welcomed favourite and I am enjoying seeing the lads taking up the after school football on Thursdays. Thanks to St. Pats GAA for facilitating this. Welcome back to Naoise (GAA Coach) to the school.

This week we are having our annual **Maths week**, which is always a very enjoyable week in the school.

Friday will bring end of term and our **Halloween Fun Day**. Children are invited to dress up on Friday (not too scary!) Thanks to our Parents Council who will work with us to make this day a special one for all involved.

At this time of year as we head towards the end of our midterm we usually have an opportunity to showcase our school to our incoming parents and to all the village. Unfortunately we are unable to invite anyone to visit but we have put a new **Virtual tour** on our webpage, if you get a chance have a look.

We continue to bring our school activities to you via social media; check out our social media pages—Website: [www.stpatsbns.ie](http://www.stpatsbns.ie). Facebook: St.Patrick's BNS. Twitter: @stpatsboysns. Instagram: @stpatsbns.

The **Parent's Council AGM** will take place on November 9th. The aim of our Parent's Council is to promote the interests of the students and parents in co-operation with the Board of Management, the Principal and Teachers. Please join us on the night if you can.

**School Calendar**— A copy of the revised calendar has been sent out to you on Aladdin App. Two new dates have been added. School will be close at 12 noon on 2nd November and a full day on the 28th January to facilitate a Primary Curriculum training day for all teaching staff.

As the weeks move on and the Covid restrictions loosen we look forward to more extra activities taking place. I will let you know about the "Big Dig" planned for December, our new School Council, Parent Teachers Meetings, our Amber Flag and lots more.

Have a great mid term break.

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