

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Action/Support</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Book Fair</b>	<p>As you all know the Book Fair is taking place this week. You are more than welcome to visit the fair at the following times:</p> <p>8.40-9.10, 1.25-2 2.25-3</p> <p>If your child is purchasing a book in the morning, please ensure that they are in class for 8.55am. Please use the top door for entering and exiting the fair.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Seachtain na Gaeilge</b>	<p>Last week we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and the children and staff made a big effort to speak Gaeilge throughout the day. Lá Glas was a great success! We had a special assembly on Friday where classes performed different Irish songs and rhymes for each other and awards for Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine were given out. Well done to all!</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>RSA Talk</b>	<p>All classes will be getting input from the Road Safety Authority on Thursday, as a follow on from our Road Safety Awareness Week.</p>	

4	<b>Student of the Week</b>	This week the children will be working on “We listen and we don’t interrupt”.	
5	<b>Sub Crisis</b>	Just to keep you informed- There is still a major shortage of substitute teachers available to cover certified sick leave or if staff are on training. We try our very best to ensure classes have substitute teachers when a staff member is sick, but this is simply not always possible to secure. As I mentioned previously, this is a nationwide problem and Dublin schools appear to be affected the most.	
6	<b>School Calendar</b>	<p>Important Dates for 2017/2018</p> <p><b>Term 1</b></p> <p>August 30<sup>th</sup>- school Reopens</p> <p>Midterm- October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 3rd inclusive-school closed</p> <p>Winter Holidays-last day of school-December 22nd return January 8<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Term 2</b></p> <p>February Midterm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February -Fri 16th of February inclusive</p> <p>Easter Holidays last day of school March 23rd and return April 9th</p>	

		<p><b>Term 3</b></p> <p>May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> - school closed- bank holiday</p> <p>June 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> -closed bank holiday weekend</p> <p>Last day of term June 29<sup>th</sup></p>	
7	<p><b>For your information- NEW Special Educational Needs Model announced by the Department of Education</b></p>	<p>A new allocation system of support for children with additional needs is being put in place this year. Therefore, we will not be applying for support for individual children and there will not be an allocation of hours per child any more. Prior to this we would receive a diagnosis, apply for support and a child for example with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) would receive 4.25 hours a week from a resource teacher.</p> <p>Now the school will simply be allocated a support teacher(s) fixed for two years and have to work with all the children in the school, including those with additional needs. Schools, especially developing schools, are very nervous about this as an allocation model. For example, if receive information about new diagnoses throughout the year and new enrolments including two full Junior Infant classes, we will be expected to work our allocation for two years. We will of course appeal the allocation if we feel it is not appropriate and keep you informed.</p>	

	<b>A Note from the PTA</b>	<b>BOOK FAIR</b>  Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is starting Monday 20 March. Please join us at drop off or pick up to buy much loved books and support the school.  <b>PLAY IT FORWARD:</b>  The Shellybanks annual <i>PLAY IT FORWARD</i> event is happening on <b>Saturday, April 29th from 12-4pm</b> . We will be sending out more information soon, so mark your calendars and be on the lookout for details on how you can <b>GET INVOLVED!</b>	
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