

Room A3 Newsletter

Term 1 2012

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Welcome to the start of a new year in A3



Everyone has settled in really well to the routines of being back to school and we are looking forward to a happy year full of great learning.

Here are a few things you might need to know about our class :

1. School starts at 8:45am and it would be great if the children could be here by 8:30 to get ready.
2. Our **library day** is **Thursday** so books need to be returned to the class library box by Thursday morning.
3. Now your child is in Year 2 they should be carrying their own bag and bringing in their own book bag in the morning.

4. Hats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4. **Please name them.**
5. Reading homework will be coming home every night. Please listen to your child read, ask questions about the story and help them to learn new unfamiliar words. The books should be returned each day with the **notebook signed.**
6. Phonics is part of our class learning and the children benefit from

learning the **sounds** letters make. Please practice this with them, particularly the vowel sounds.

7. This year the Junior Syndicate will be having interviews for the children when they have a birthday and another one 6 months from their birthday. We will arrange individual interviews as close to these dates as possible. We will be discussing National Standards and the progress your child is making.



Topics we will be learning about this term.

Religious Education

Our School Charism
Introduction to Prayer
Ash Wednesday / Lent
God Strand
Holy Week

Topic Study

Our school rules
Our class behaviour plan
Inquiry Learning
Culture and Heritage
Where do I belong?

Swimming

This term we will start swimming on **Tuesday 28th February**. Each class will have 5 lessons. A separate notice will come home soon.

Special points of interest:

- Welcome Mass at St Patricks Church on Thursday 9th Feb at 9.30.
 - Meet the teacher evening is on Thursday 16th February.
 - Art Deco Picnic is on Friday 17th February at school. Bring your lunch, dress up and come and join us.
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- We will be celebrating St Patricks Day on 16th March. Mass will be in the school hall this year.

Reminders

Poem folders will come home on Friday to share and read together. Please return on Monday.

Check hair regularly for nits— they love clean hair too.

Girls need to have their blue PE shorts at school **everyday** as it is too difficult to run and exercise in a dress!

If you have any concerns or worries about your child please come and see me first, as problems are better to be solved before they get too big.
I can see you before school or after school Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.