

Newsletter June 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you all safe and well and looking forward to the summer holidays.

Thursday 29th June Dismissal Times

Infants- 5th class: 11:50 am

6th class: 12:00 pm

Parents may come into the yard for 15 mins to take photos.

6th Class

We say farewell to Alex, Daniel Dunne, Daniel Horne O'Connor, Daniel Mosneagu, Darija, Evan, Grace, Hala, Kayla, Noah and Tadhg. We wish them the very best in secondary school. And we wish Layla and Junior the very best in their new school and hope they make lots of friends.

Farewell to Teresa

After 21 years of loyal service, we say goodbye and best wishes to Teresa Kavanagh on her retirement as our classroom assistant. We wish her many long, happy and healthy years ahead and thank her for the delicious [ice creams!](#)

Booklists for next year

The Department of Education will fund schoolbooks and copies for primary school pupils. There are some items which you will need to fund. These can be found on our website under the [Parents Section](#).

Fun Days

We believe that 'hard work and no play make Jack a dull boy' so there is always fun to be had at The Old Borough. We enjoyed a great Sports Day earlier this month. What amazing weather! Thank you again to all who helped on the day including our past pupils.

Our sponsored walk raised an amazing €2,638 and we have had our school tours;

We will host our traditional [BBQ](#) in the schoolyard during the last week. Thank you to Sophie and Jim who coached athletics and tennis respectively.

Summer Activities

The [Summer Stars](#) programme is a way of encouraging children to read over the holidays. Pick up a reading card from your local library. Included will be an Activity Book to follow the Ireland Women's Team at the World Cup. The library also runs free events for children over the summer.

Violin Project

Fingal County Council began a pilot project 4 years ago to introduce a musical instrument to primary pupils. They sponsor this project by paying the music teacher's tuition fees. The school matches this funding by seeking it elsewhere: the PTA, DAA and Country Crest have paid for the instruments and music stands. The pupils in the current 2nd and 3rd classes are the lucky beneficiaries of this project. You can see more on the school's [website](#).

Arrangements for next year

The return date for pupils of the Old Borough School is **Wednesday 31st August**. Please ensure your child has their belongings and school jumpers clearly labelled.

Books and copies provided by the school will be distributed on our return. We ask that you cover those books and copies which will be used exclusively by your child for this year. Books which will be used continuously by pupils over many years will be covered by the school to ensure longevity.

Please ensure your child has black tracksuit bottoms for PE Days. The full uniform list is [here](#).

Thank you!

A special thanks to all those parents who help in any way in the school. You know who you are and you are appreciated. Thank you to the PTA who help both financially and with their time organising fund-raising events.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer,
Anne-Marie Woods