

Clooney National School



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24th of May 2023

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

I would like to bring the following items to your attention:



First Holy Communion

On Saturday, 13th of May, Aidan, Áine, Dáithí, Hannah and Kate made their First Communion in Clooney Church. Thank you to Fr. Tom and Ms. Lynch for preparing a beautiful ceremony for the boys and girls.

STEPS Young Engineers Awards

Well done again to Clooney Crackers. Please enjoy the pictures of the celebrations on the school Facebook page. Also, we are thrilled that the Awards were featured in an article on the RTÉ website that can be found at the following link:

<https://www.rte.ie/learn/home-school-hub/2023/0523/1385173-these-clare-students-aim-to-prevent-and-cure-ash-dieback/>



Confirmation

On Thursday, 25th of May we will have Confirmation in Clooney Church with Bishop Fintan and Fr. Tom. The school will remain closed on Thursday, 25th of May as teachers will be attending the ceremony in the morning and engaging in professional development afterwards in the area of the new Primary Curriculum Framework. Pupils in the junior classes and those not singing in the choir are cordially invited to attend the ceremony with their parents/guardians if they wish.

All choir singers are kindly asked be at the Church for 10.30am while candidates for Confirmation are asked to be seated for 10.45am with the ceremony beginning at 11 am.



Reminder:
No School!

Primary Language School Closure

The school will be closed on Friday, 26th of May as the teaching staff will be engaging in professional development with a PDST advisor in the area of the Primary Language Curriculum as directed by the Dept. of Education.



School Tours – 1st of June 2023

Junior Infants – Second Class

- Stonehall Wildlife Park, Limerick and McDonald's, Shannon.
- The bus travelling to Stonehall will leave the school at 9am and return at 2.30pm approx.
- Pupils will need a packed lunch for a snack at Stonheall Wildlife Park.
- Mrs. Gleeson will be at the school on the morning of the school tour from 8.15 am to accommodate parents who have dropped older children to the Church for the senior tour.

3rd –6th Class

- Burren Outdoor Education and Training Centre.
- Pupils travelling to the Burren are asked to meet in the Church carpark at 8.15 am. We will return to the Church carpark at 5.30pm approx.
- Activities for pupils in 3rd & 4th class include Raft Building and Team Games (Orienteering, Team challenges and tent pitching)
- Activities for pupils in 5th & 6th class include kayaking and rock climbing.
- As all of the activities include a water activity, both groups will need a swimsuit, long sleeved tee-shirt, towel, and an old pair of runners (no flip flops) that can get wet. They should also bring or wear a pair of long sports pants (sweat pants), a full change of warm clothes for afterwards, and a packed lunch, snacks and drinks.
- This will be a long day so please ensure children have plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Normal school rules apply so therefore **no mobile devices or electronic devices are allowed**. If a pupil wishes to bring a mobile, they must hand it up to the teachers before boarding the bus at the Church and it will be returned to them at the end of the day.

Burren Outdoor Education Centre - What to bring

While the Burren OEC provides all specialist equipment you will need to bring-



- At least one full change of warm outdoor clothes *
- A change of warm socks
- Swim suit, tee-shirt and Towel
- Strong shoes or boots for walking.
- Two pairs of runners - one pair that will get wet
- Hat and gloves
- Sun screen if needed
- Any personal medication required
- Packed lunch with snacks and plenty of water
- Large plastic bag! (To bring wet and muddy clothes home!)

* Denim or jeans are not suitable for outdoor activities



Book Fair

The Scholastic School Book Fair will visit the school from Wednesday, 7th of June to Thursday, 15th of June. Pupils will visit the Book Fair with their class to browse books that they may wish to purchase. More details to follow.

Dates for your diary:

- **Confirmation:** Thursday, 25th of May in Clooney Church at 11am. School closed for Confirmation and staff CPD.
- **Language Day Closure:** Friday, 26th of May
- **Seatbelt Sherriff Presentation:** Junior and middle classrooms, Tuesday 30th of May
- **Cumann na mBunscol Camogie Semi-Final:** Against Bodyke/Tuamgraney on Wednesday, 31st of May
- **June Bank Holiday:** Monday, 5th of June
- **School Closure:** Friday, 9th of June
- **RSE Talk:** 6th class, Thursday, 16th of June
- **Bake Sale:** Fundraiser for the PA and charity. Wednesday, 21st of June
- **Sports Day:** Provisional Date - Thursday, 22nd of June – Weather dependent
- **Fair Day Closure:** Friday, 23rd of June
- **Graduation:** 6th class, Tuesday, 27th of June (provisional date)
- **Summer Holidays:** Wednesday, 28th of June at 12 noon

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email (clooneyns@gmail.com) or by phone (065 6835806) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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