



Important Dates.

Tuesday June 14th.
School Choir, Musicians
And Dancers perform
In Clarecastle DayCare
Centre.

Wednesday June 15th.
Sixth Class School Tour
To Dublin.

Thursday June 16th.
School Choir, Musicians
And Dancers perform in
The School Hall at 7.30pm
For Parents/Grandparents.

Friday June 17th.
Third Class School
Tour to Galway.

Active Schools:
Activities will take place
From June 22nd to 24th.

Tuesday June 28th.
Graduation Mass for 6th
Class in School Hall at
8p.m.

Summer Closure:
School closes at 12noon
On **Wed 29th June.**

Monday August 29th.
Start of the 2016/2017
School Year. School will
Re open to pupils at
9.00a.m.

SCHOOL CHOIR A AIMS HIGH

The boys and girls in Clarecastle NS choir took top prize in the **32nd AIMS Choral Festival**, held in New Ross on Friday May 20th. The festival, which is noted for its high competitive standards set by a renowned panel of adjudicators, attracts competing choirs from across many counties celebrating choral music in all its forms.



Established six years ago, the choir under the direction of Hilary Parkinson and accompanied by Anne Larkin, has steadily gone from strength to strength culminating in a double victory for the children this year, following their first place win in the **Limerick Choral Festival** last February.

While we will be losing some choir members as 6th class go to secondary school it is hoped that a large number of boys and girls from next year's 3rd class will join.



An Chomhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta
National Council for Curriculum and Assessment

A **NEW LANGUAGE CURRICULUM** is being introduced to primary schools on a phased basis commencing in September 2016. Information in relation to the New Language Curriculum can be accessed on the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment website www.ncca.ie.

An information sheet for parents on the New Language Curriculum is available in the Parents Section of the school Website.

Another useful addition to the Parent's Section is a link to the **Help My Kid Learn** Website which is full of useful information. Well worth a view!

SCHOOL REPORTS

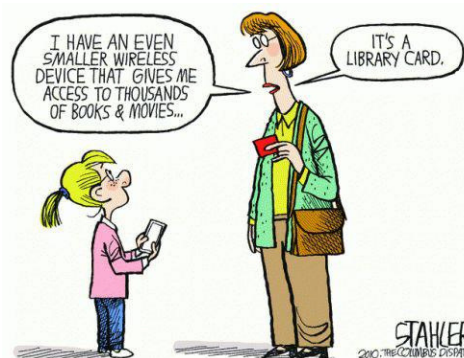
School Reports will be posted home to parents during the week commencing Monday 20th June. An information leaflet, **Understanding Your Child's School Report**, is available in the Parents section of the school website under Tips For Parents.



ACCELERATED READER

Renaissance Learning is an English based company who provide the Accelerated Reader Programme to schools worldwide.

The company are very impressed with the level of engagement of pupils in a number of Clare schools with the AR programme. The company sent a film crew to record how the programme is implemented here in Clarecastle National School and they spoke to various members of the school community.



So far this year pupils from 1st to 6th have read in excess of 9300 books totalling over 111 million words!!! Well done boys and girls.



A huge thank you to the Parents Association and the Library Volunteers who fund and maintain this fantastic resource in our school.

UNWANTED UNIFORMS

Anyone who would like to donate unwanted uniforms that are in good condition can do so by handing them in to the school office before the school closes for holidays on June 29th.

SOCIAL MEDIA



The use of social media such as **SNAPCHAT, INSTAGRAM etc** among primary school pupils is rising at an alarming rate. This is in spite of the fact that the majority of these APPS are for use by individuals over thirteen years of age. Inappropriate use of social media can have devastating effects on young people, the majority of which go unseen. Young people and parents must realise that in line with Anti Bullying Procedures

The placing of a once-off offensive or hurtful public message, image or statement on a social network site or other public forum where that message, image or statement can be viewed and/or repeated by other people will be regarded as bullying behaviour.

Some useful websites for parents are listed in the **School Anti Cyber Bullying Policy** on the school website.

Parents of pupils who use social media have a responsibility to their own child and to others to monitor their child's use of Social Media.

POLICY CONSULTATION.

A **Draft (revised April 2016) Attendance Policy** was placed on the school website in order to afford parents the opportunity to make submissions to the Board of Management for consideration on the content of same. All research conducted in the area of school attendance

shows that **attendance and punctuality are essential factors in pupils reaching their full potential in school.**

In short, if pupils are not in school, they cannot learn.

Under the revised Attendance Policy any pupil presenting for school after 9.10am must be signed in by a parent in the office commencing on Monday August 29th.

VOLUNTEERS

Our school is very fortunate to have the support of a wide variety of volunteers whose contributions truly enrich the educational experience of pupils in our school.

The Board of Management, staff and pupils would like to say a huge **THANK YOU!** To The Parents Association, Clarecastle GAA Club Coaches, Chris Thomas, the Staff of Roche Irl (Junior Entrepreneur), Kathleen Ryan, Nigel Bridge and all others who have given so generously of their time over the past year for the benefit of our pupils.



It is hard to believe that the Summer Holidays are nearly here. The school will close to pupils at 12noon on Wednesday 29th June and re open on Monday 29th August at 9.00am. We wish our 6th class pupils all the best as they leave us for secondary school.

We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.