

## CALENDAR 2019-2020

Half day closure for Primary Language Curriculum training: Friday, 14th February 2020 at 12.15pm

February 2020 Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

Closed Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020- Public Holiday.

Easter 2020: School closing Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 at 12.15 p.m. and reopening Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Closed Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020-Public Holiday.

Closed Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May and Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020-Public Holiday.

Closing Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 12.15 p.m.

Half day closure for Language Curriculum In-Service also to be confirmed for Term 3.

### VISIT FROM SCHOOL INSPECTOR

On Wednesday, 11th December our school Inspector, Anne Fitzpatrick, called to the school to carry out an 'Incidental Inspection'. During this inspection, she conducted a Level 1 Child Protection Inspection and observed teaching and learning in two classes, with a focus on school self-evaluation. She provided feedback on this visit to the Principal and Deputy Principal.

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (PA)

Our PA Group is open to all parents of Scoil Íde pupils. They usually meet once a month. Attendance at each meeting is not obligatory but it is recommended that parents involved try to attend meetings where possible. Thanks to all of those who are currently involved, in particular to Charlotte Breen who has acted as Chairperson for the last number of years. Welcome to the new Chairperson, Rachel Smyth.

### APPEAL

We are looking for copies of the reader 'Clickety-click and more....'

If you have a copy at home that you are not using. Please send it in to the school.

Thank you!



### ILLNESSES

The Health Service Executive (HSE) have asked us to inform parents that they have recently updated the 'Under the Weather' website. This website focuses on empowering people to self-manage simple common illnesses.

See [www.undertheweather.ie](http://www.undertheweather.ie) for more information.

### BICYCLES

Unfortunately, we are not in the position to store bicycles on the school grounds. Items being left around the school can be dangerous from a health and safety perspective. We would ask that you do not leave bicycles and such on the school premises.

We appreciate your cooperation.

### HALF DAY

School will close at 12.15pm on Friday, 14th February to facilitate training for teachers in the new Primary Language Curriculum.



[www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie)

# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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### WELL DONE

ACE awards are given to pupils who excel in school life through Attainment, Community Spirit or Effort.

Well done to our January ACEs.

**VI: Nolan:** Sarah Portley

**VI: Heaney:** Fionn Ryan

**VI: Boland:** Dylan Chapot

**VI: Frost:** Emily Egan

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR

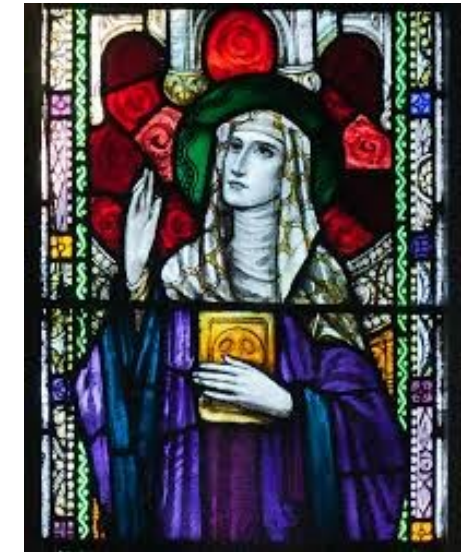
We would like to wish the school community all the best for 2020!

### JUNIOR INFANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for Junior Infant places for September 2020 will close on 1st February. Applications should be made online at [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie)

Please remind any neighbours or friends who have a child due to start school this coming September.

Thank you!



St. Ita, Patron Saint of Scoil Íde

Feast Day: 15th January

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

Firstly, we would like to thank all of those who have contributed to the various payments so far this school year. These funds are vital to continue to provide additional resources and external music teachers and sports coaches for our students.

The Maintenance Fund appeal is still live for anyone who wishes to contribute.

School tour payments facility will be online in early March.

All payments to the school in excess of €10 should be made via the e-payment system. This is a safe and effective way for the school to collect money.





## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCOIL ÍDE

- The Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Ita (Naomh Íde) was celebrated on Wednesday 15th January. St. Ita is the patron saint of Kileedy, Co. Limerick and along with St. Munchin is the co-patron of the Diocese of Limerick. She is reportedly a good intercessor in terms of pregnancy and eye illnesses.
- 4th classes have commenced swimming as part of the Physical Education aspect of the curriculum. This is the only skill that children learn at school that will help them to save a life so attendance at these lessons is extremely important.
- Our 6th classes are preparing for their Confirmation which will be held on 14th March.
- Thanks to all who bought books at the book fair. The school can now buy additional books and novels for the school using the funds raised through this event.
- 5th classes are busy with various STEM projects. Mr. Butler's class are involved in a European Makerspace Initiative, Mr. O' Donoghue's class are working on an entry for the ESB Science Blast and Ms'. O' Connor's class have entered the Dell Vex Robotics Competition.
- Mr. Foley's 6th class held a science exhibition, showcasing their group projects to other classes and parents. They looked at titles from previous Mini-Scientist exhibitions and decided on their own science question. Projects had to include a hypothesis, background research, an investigation, analysis and conclusion. Well done to all on their hard work.



## CHRISTMAS IN SCOIL ÍDE

Christmas was a very busy time with lots of performances and services held throughout the school and many classes creating Christmas tree decorations and other Christmas art.

The Christmas Coppers Campaign, which was run by the Student Council, raised €650. This money will be donated to Alone and Cliona's Foundation, two very worthy charities.

1st Class, Room 9, were very fortunate to be visited by author Róisín Meany who entertained the children with a story about a lucky donkey and a grumpy snowman.

Ms. Murphy's 6th class performed some Christmas carols and songs for the residents of Athlunkard Nursing Home.

