



Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope this email finds you all well. I wanted to email you about a few things before the term ends today. Before I get into the specifics I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for all your support during this term. It has been a busy term - one that has seen the reopening of things and some level of normality returning here in school. For example it was lovely to see parents going into the Junior Infants classes this week for Shared Reading and we look forward to more initiatives, throughout the school, to involve you all before the end of the year. It is also lovely to be planning nice things for term 3 - for example school tours and other fun things.

Opening and closing time

During the pandemic we started opening the gates at 8:50am. The girls started coming in straight to their classes and the school day would officially start at 9:00am. However we found that the girls would start work when they were arriving into the classes at 8:50am. This week we decided that we are going to continue opening the gates at 8:50am and the day will also officially start at that time too (ie) 8:50am which is ten minutes earlier than 9.00am. This will result in a ten minute earlier finish at the end of the day (ie) Junior and Senior Infants will finish the day at 1:30pm and First – Sixth Classes will finish at 2.30pm.

In summary:

- Gates will continue to open at **8:50am**
- **School day officially starts at 8:50am** instead of 9:00am
- If your daughter arrives any later than 9:00am she will be marked late.
- School day finishes at **1:30pm for Junior and Senior Infants**
- School days finishes at **2:30pm for 1st Classes – 6th Classes.**



Attendance

Quite a number of parents have been in touch with me regarding their daughter missing days and receiving messages from us regarding time missed. If your daughter misses more than 20 days their name has to be sent to Tusla regarding time missed. This is not something we have decided to do ourselves. It is something we are directed to do by the Department of Education. Please remember to complete the attendance record on the Aladdin app each day that your daughter is absent. I completely understand about girls missing time this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the isolation guidelines. However if we notice that your daughter is missing days here and there and no reason is given we will contact you to work with you to improve your daughters attendance in school. However if your daughter is unwell or displaying symptoms of Covid 19 please do continue to keep her at home and, like I said, update the Aladdin attendance record.

An extra day off on Thursday, 2nd June

As the school had already planned to be closed on Friday, 18th March and it was then announced as an additional bank holiday for all, the school is allowed to add another day onto a closure that had already been decided on. As a result, both St Canice's GNS and St Canice's BNS will be closed on Thursday 2nd June to extend the June Bank Holiday closure by another day. So to clarify the school will be closed from **Thursday, 2nd June 2022 – Tuesday, 7th June 2022** for the June Bank Holiday. It will reopen on Wednesday, 8th June 2022.



And finally.....

Each child received an Easter Egg today as a big thank you for the hard work that they have done over the last term. They have come to school each day with a smile on their faces and have worked hard. Well done girls....and thanks.

Standardised Testing

The week of 23rd May will be the week that testing of all the classes will be taking place. We ask that as many children as possible are in for all that week as it is important that all classes complete this testing that week.

"Hoppy" Easter...

Dearbhla White, Principal

