



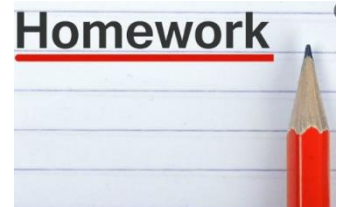
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

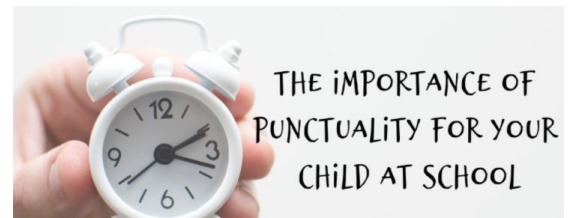
There are just three weeks to the Easter Holidays and we have included key upcoming dates for you below.

As you know, we monitor homework, attendance and punctuality on a regular basis as all three areas are vitally important for your son's progress at school. Unfortunately, as we approach the end of term 2, we still have many pupils who have a very poor record with one or more of these areas.

**Homework Monitoring:** Mr McArevey/Mr Curran will be visiting all the P1-7 classes daily, from next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April to monitor homework. We will be taking note of pupils who are not completing their homework and getting it signed and will be contacting the relevant parents of these pupils.



**Punctuality:** As publicised in our Weekly Bulletin, we have a Punctuality Monitor Week planned for the start of term 3 from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Punctuality continues to be a major ongoing issue for a number of pupils. When children arrive late to school, they are at an immediate learning disadvantage as they are likely to have missed the teacher-led introduction phase of the morning lesson.



**Attendance:** Attendance letters were sent home recently and fortunately many boys have shown an improvement with their attendance since. However, attendance continues to be a major cause of concern for many pupils. If a pupil's attendance falls below the 85% threshold figure, we are then required to contact the Education Welfare Service (EWS) and notify them by means of a referral of our concerns. 9 pupils had to be referred recently to the EWS.



### Diary Dates:

- Homework Monitoring: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.
- Maiden Voyage Dance Company: Dance workshop with P1 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar (9.30-10.00am P1M Rm5 & 10.00-10.30am P1B Rm 4).
- P4 First Confession (2 classes) on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April with P4W R12 at 11.00am and P4L R13 at 11.45am in the school hall.
- P3 First Confession (2 classes) on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April with P3M R11 at 11.00am and 3L R10 at 11.45am in the school hall.
- P1-7 Reading and Attendance Prizes (End Term 2): Tue 12 April 2022.
- Easter Holidays: Pupils will finish early (P1-3 at 11.45am and P4-7 at 12.00 noon) on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April & return on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 22.
- Punctuality Monitor planned for the start of Term 3 from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- First Holy Communion: P4W R12 (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May) & P4L R13 (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May) in Church @ 11.00am.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mr Mc Arevey      Mr Curran

(Principal)      (Vice Principal)