

23/10/17

Dear Parents/Guardians,

LISMORE MOBILE SCIENCE WORKSHOP – 4TH/5TH/6TH CLASSES

As part of the School Science Curriculum, pupils from the above classes received a visit last Friday from the Lismore Mobile Science Workshop. This Primary Science Workshop covered the topic of 'Electricity' and gave pupils an opportunity to participate in practical hands-on investigations while demonstrating the importance of safety. This visit proved to be tremendous fun and extremely informative for all. We are grateful to the staff of Lismore Mobile Scientists for visiting our school and we would also like to thank the Parents' Association for covering the cost of this event.

CORK COMIC CREATORS ARTS EXHIBITION - 6TH CLASS

Pupils from 6th class have been invited to attend Cork Comic Creators Arts Exhibition presentation tomorrow, Tuesday 24th October which is being held in County Hall. The exhibition showcases ten of Cork's best comic book artists and shows all the steps they use in illustrating books. Pupils will get an opportunity to participate in workshops that help demonstrate the comic-making process. The trip also includes a tour of County Hall.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS – APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

As previously advised, this year's Parent/Teacher meetings will be held over **two** days – **WEDNESDAY 15TH AND THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER** between **2.00pm** and **4.00pm**. It is hoped that this arrangement will prove flexible and convenient for parents. Children will finish and leave school at **1.45pm** on each of the days. The usual school bus provision will operate at this time. Please note the appointment procedure:-

A sheet with Appointment Times will be placed on each classroom door. From Monday 6th November, parents may come into the school during school hours and select appointment time(s). Should parents have difficulty securing a suitable time slot, please advise class teacher in writing and a mutually convenient time will be arranged.

EARLY CLOSURE

To facilitate **in-service staff training**, children will finish and leave school at **12.00pm** on **Wednesday 22nd November**. The usual school bus provision will operate at this time.

HALLOWE'EN / MID-TERM BREAK

Children may come to school on **Friday 27th October** dressed up in **Hallowe'en costume**. School will be closed for the mid-term break from **Monday 30th October** until **Friday 3rd November**, inclusive. Please note that pupils will finish school at the normal time on Friday 27 October, i.e. 2pm for Junior/Senior Infants and 3pm for all other classes.

CHRISTMAS TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME

We have arranged to take **all pupils** from Junior Infants to Sixth Class to see **Beauty and the Beast** at **The Everyman Palace Theatre** on **Wednesday 20th December**. We will be attending the **11.00am** performance. The whole school will be attending and the Parents Association has kindly offered to subsidise this trip by paying for the buses. Tickets to the show cost **€15** per pupil. ***For ease of payment and to assist with administration, the school is facilitating e-payment in respect of this collection. You will receive a text tomorrow with related payment advice details.*** Alternatively, there is also the option, if you wish, of forwarding the money to your eldest child's class teacher. Please note that, in order to secure the booking and confirm numbers, **Friday 17th November** is the designated date for final collection of money.

KNOCKNAMANAGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

As you are aware, the Parents' Association is producing a calendar for 2018 featuring our school's students. Each page of the calendar will contain a group photograph of all students in the school who celebrate their birthday during that particular month. Please note that student details **will not** be included in the calendar. The PA would like to invite local business to advertise in the calendar. The cost per advert is €50. Please contact 087 3541640 to book an advert.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Kielty
Deputy Principal