**January Circular**

**2020**

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

**I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and I wish you and your families a very happy and healthy New Year ahead.**

**Enrolment 2020-2021** - Applications for enrolment in our Junior Infant class for September 2020/2021 are now available in the school office and on our school website ([www.quayschool.ie)](http://www.quayschool.ie)) . We are holding an enrolment week from Monday 3rd February until Friday 7th February.

**Swimming -** commenced for **3rd class** (Múinteoir Annin) on Wednesday 15**th January** and 4th class (Ms McTigue) on Friday 17th **January** for **6 weeks.**

**Credit Union Quiz** - Our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils participated in a trial quiz to determine the teams for the Credit Union Schools Quiz. The first round of the quiz will take place on Friday 31st January, at 7.30p.m. in the Knockranny Hotel Westport.

**Catholic Schools Week** – 26th January – 2nd February 2020. The theme for Catholic School Week 2020 is**Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God’s Creation**

**Do This In Memory Mass** – School choir will sing on Saturday 25th January 2020 at 6.30pm.

**St Vincent de Paul –** A huge thank you to our pupils from 4th, 5th & 6th class and staff who raised €1074.90 for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul while Carol singing on Thursday 19th December in Westport town.

**School Uniform –** Please ensure that your child wears the appropriate school uniform at all times during the school day and week.

**Health & Safety -** As your child may have received mobile phones, iPads, x-boxes, PlayStation etc. as presents this Christmas, I want to remind you as parents of your responsibility in this regard. Please make sure you know exactly what social media sites your child is engaging with. This request is to ensure that your child is not engaging in any online behaviour that may cause upset to them or to any other child in school. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

**Head Lice -** Please **check** your child’s hair for head lice. As head lice spread quickly, it is important to **check every member of the** **family**. The most common sign is itching at the back of the head or neck; so check for tiny white empty eggshells on hair near the scalp, at the back of the neck or behind the ears. **Treat** any family member with head lice at once. **Consult your pharmacist** for an appropriate treatment and follow the instructions carefully. **Use a fine comb** to check your child’s hair regularly. Encourage your children not to use other peoples combs. If every parent follows these steps, all children will benefit.

**Junior Achievement –** The Junior Achievement programme will commence in term two.

**Cold/Flu -** As you all know, there are increased levels of illness in circulation this winter, in particular flu and the winter vomiting bug.  Please do not send your child to school if he/she has been vomiting during the night or has cold/cough symptoms in the morning before school.

Finally, please make sure that the office has the correct contact details for parents/guardians in case of an emergency.

**Jacket/Coats –** On cold/wet days we ask you to ensure that your child wears their coat to school. We have two break times during the school day when the children go to the yard (weather permitting).

**Senior Hurling/Camogie Team –** The Senior Hurling/Camogie team (4th, 5th & 6th) will train after school on Monday, and Thursday (weather permitting).

**Cross Country –** Cross county training for 4th, 5th & 6th class pupils will take place during lunch every Monday and Friday (weather permitting) on the Greenway.

**Dates for your Diary -**

* Mid-term Break on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st February
* Confirmation will take place for our 6th class on Saturday March 21st
* Holy Communion will take place for our 2nd class on Saturday 16th May

Le gach dea ghuí,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Munnelly, Principal