

## Parent Newsletter: Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>

### 1 School closure and Water problem

It has been a stop-start to our year, and many thanks to all parents for your co-operation and patience. For the very latest and most up-to-date news on whether the school is open or closed please consult [www.balbrigganetns.com](http://www.balbrigganetns.com)

**While it now appears that the snow and ice have disappeared, for the moment at least..... we do have a problem with the WATER SUPPLY to the school. As I write the amount of water coming into the school is barely enough to allow the toilets and taps in the school to function. If this deteriorates any further it may be necessary to close the school again on Health and Safety grounds. Please consult [www.balbrigganetns.com](http://www.balbrigganetns.com) for update.**

### 2 Parent Association AGM

The Parent Association have asked me to notify you that they have changed the date of their AGM to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. Please do try to come along to this meeting and , if possible, to volunteer your services to the next Parents Association for 2010. Please remember that without the voluntary services of a large and active Parent Association many of the wonderful initiatives of the school may have to be scrapped or curtailed.....School Club Programme, the Arts Week, the Get Active Week etc etc.

### 3 Catholic Classes

The Catholic Parent Group have asked me to inform you that the Catholic classes resume this week..... on Thursdays (instead of Fridays this term). Registration and the first classes of the new term, and with money due, takes place this Thursday ( 14<sup>th</sup>) at 2.30pm.

### 4 Maths for Fun

A further number of initiatives involving parents in the life of the school will take place this term. The first of these is the successful "Maths for Fun" training programme, where parents take a few short training sessions in Maths for Fun classroom activities, and then get the opportunity, according to their own availability, to work with small groups in the classroom for the remainder of the school year. If you are interested in signing up to participate in this programme, please let Fintan know ( ... and the excellent parents from last year's programme are welcome back too!)

### 5 Clubs

The next cycle of ten weeks of After School Clubs will take place from March to June with the registration night being Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. In the meantime some of the enterprising teachers in the school have dreamed up a couple of Special Weekend Events:

Special Cookery Weekend	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am to 3pm and Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 10am to 12.30pm	Children from 1 <sup>st</sup> class to 5 <sup>th</sup> class only	15euro for children from this school, and 35euro for children from other schools
Speical Science Weekend	Saturday March 13 <sup>th</sup> 10am to 3pm and Sunday March 14th	Children from 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Class only	15euro for children from this school, and 35euro for children from other schools

Please note that the places in these Special Weekend Events is extremely limited and will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact Fintan ( Principal) to make your registration.

