

# Carbury School

The Mall, Sligo.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I would like to welcome the staff and pupils back to school for Term 2. It is my hope that we will have a happy and healthy start to the New Year.

The Active Schools Committee is currently collecting the **Aldi Play Rugby stickers**. If you receive any of these when shopping, please do send them in.

Kind regards,

Ms. McMahon

## Parent Association

As a school we are very grateful to the Parent Association for organising the school calendars, cake sale and raffle before Christmas. They also gifted a lovely treat to each pupil to enjoy after the Carol Service.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Parent Association, the cost of swimming has been greatly reduced for parents. They contributed €1000 towards **swimming lessons and the hire of the pool**. In addition, the Parent Association has covered the cost of **P.E. coaching with Mairead for all of Term 2**. Supporting school fundraisers makes a significant difference to the school and the funds raised directly benefit your children.

## Admissions for Junior Infants for the 2023-2024 School Year

We are accepting Application Forms for Admission for Junior Infants for September 2023. The closing date is **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**. If you have a child due to start school in Junior Infants this September and have not yet completed an application form, please contact Michaela in the office.

## Sligo Social Services

On the final day of Term 1, we held a non-uniform day as a fundraiser for Sligo Social Services. They provide vital services to those most in need. We raised **€265** for this worthy cause. Thank you very much for your generosity.



## School Website

[www.carburyschool.com](http://www.carburyschool.com)

## Bank Holiday

The school will be closed on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Early Closure

The Department of Education has advised us to organise a half-day school closure to allow teachers to engage with the webinars for the new Primary Language Curriculum. Please note the earlier closing times for **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**:

- **Infants will finish at 11.50 am.**
- **1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will finish at 12 pm.**

## February Mid-Term Break

The school will be closed on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February** and **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February** for the mid-term break.

## World Book Day – Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Pupils will have the option to dress up as a character from a book on this day.

The Parent Association will also organise a book swap to celebrate World Book Day.

## School Self-Evaluation Review Year

As part of our School Self-Evaluation Process, we wish to identify and reflect on the impact of Covid-19 on pupils' educational experiences, their wellbeing, their motivation to learn and their engagement in learning. We are surveying the parent body on this theme and have sent a questionnaire to all families by email. Completing this questionnaire will help the school to ascertain what its next focus will be for School Self-Evaluation.

## School Uniform

Neat and correct school uniform remains a priority.

### Girls:

- Blue round-neck jumper with school crest
- Blue and white check shirt
- Grey pleated/plain skirt, grey pinafore or grey trousers
- Grey or white socks or tights
- Black school shoes

### Boys:

- Blue round-neck jumper with school crest
- Blue and white check shirt
- Grey trousers and grey socks
- Black school shoes



### Remember:

Only black school shoes are permitted. **No boots, canvas or sports-like shoes are allowed.** Sports shoes must not be worn with regular uniform when travelling to or from school.

## P.E. Days – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Pupils are asked to wear the following on P.E. days:

- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms (or shorts)
- A white polo shirt
- Blue round-neck jumper with school crest
- Runners with a non-marking sole (usually written on shoe)

**Please ensure that uniforms, tracksuits, coats, etc. are clearly marked, preferably with name tags.**

At the end of the summer holidays, the Parent Association will organise a school uniform sale where parents can purchase items of school uniform for a small fee. In the meantime, please hold on to items of uniform in good condition that you may wish to donate for the sale.



## Dates for Swimming Lessons

Pupils in the senior classes will avail of swimming lessons on six consecutive Tuesdays before Easter.

- **5th and 6th Class:** 10<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February
- **3rd and 4th Class:** 21<sup>st</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> March

## Safe Parking

We would like to remind parents or guardians not to park or stop on the **roundabout** near the school gates, on the **double yellow lines** or anywhere that may reduce visibility for other people.

Doing so even for a short spell poses a problem for the safety and welfare of our pupils and for other people in the community.

## Literacy Lift Off

Senior Infants will begin Literacy Lift Off on the 20<sup>th</sup> February and it will run for six weeks. This will help the children to develop their literacy skills. Parents will receive a letter with further information.

