



REMINDER

The final date for enrolments is approaching. If you have a child for enrolment or know of someone intending to enrol a child, application forms are available from the school office or on the school website. Contact can be made by the school email: info@firodaschool.ie or by phone: 087 9050605.

EUROSPAR COLLECTION

As part of our fundraising campaign, we hope to sell tickets at Eurospar, Castlecomer on **February 26th & 27th**. This fundraiser depends on volunteers willing to help sell tickets. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. A rota of helpers is being compiled and there are still a few slots that need to be filled. If you think you can help, please contact the school. We urgently need Prizes for this raffle will include hampers etc. If you can contribute items towards the making up of hampers with ie. bottles of wine, chocolates, toiletries, candles etc. we would greatly appreciate it.

NOTE: EARLY CLOSURE

On **Wednesday 11th March** school will finish for **all pupils at 1:40pm** to facilitate a Staff Meeting. Please remember also that the school will be **closed on Monday, February 23rd** so that teachers can attend a Primary Curriculum Planning day in the Education Centre, Kilkenny.

CREDIT UNION QUIZ

On Friday, 6th February we had four teams entered in the local **Credit Union Quiz**. Well done to all who took part.

USED CLOTHES COLLECTION

The school will hold a Used Clothes Collection on **Tuesday, 24th March 2026**. As usual, your co-operation and support would be appreciated. Please let your family, friends and neighbours know since everybody loves a good clear out!

HURLING & CAMOGIE

Schools hurling and camogie will commence later this month for pupils in 4th to 6th class.

AFTERSCHOOL

If you wish to put your child's name down for our **Afterschool** facility for school year **2026-2027**, please contact Marie before March 27th on: 087 6809119 or by email:

firodaafterschool@gmail.com Please include your preferred days. Opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday 1:40 – 5:40p

Friday: 1:40 – 2:40pm

WATERGATE VISIT

On **Monday 23rd March** the pupils in **Junior & Senior Infants, First & Second class** will travel by bus to the Watergate Theatre, Kilkenny for a show **"The Witch Who Couldn't Sleep"**. After the theatre they will visit Kilkenny's new library which is situated beside The Watergate. On that morning, the bus will leave the school at 9:15am and be back to the school at 12:15pm in time for their hot meal. The admission fee to the theatre has been funded by our **Creative Schools Grant** and the bus by our **Fundraising Fund**.

HERITAGE in SCHOOLS

As part of the **Creative Schools** initiative, the children will be engaging in 5 workshops over this month that will focus on learning from the outdoor environment and developing creative spaces around the school. A Heritage Expert will visit the school to facilitate these workshops.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year **World Book Day** will take place on **Thursday, 5th March**. To mark this event and to promote and encourage reading among our pupils, the following activities will be organised:

- Each pupil will receive a World Book Day Book Token
- Paired reading sessions will take place between the classes. Pupils from the senior classes will be paired with pupils from the younger rooms. Pupils will be given the opportunity to read together.

We invite pupils to dress up as their favourite book characters on Thursday, March 5th.