**Newsletter**

**8th April 2016**

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

**Welcome Back**

I hope you all had a restful holiday. The children have come back to school with plenty of energy for the term ahead. Our breakfast club has been busy all week which is great to see. There is plenty of space and plenty of food – so do come along at 8.40 am to start the day with us.

**Events this week**

On Tuesday, 4th Class visited the library. They will be going each week for this term and Miss Todd’s Class will join them as reading buddies.

On Wednesday morning, 3rd Class visited the offices of the Ombudsman for Children where they took part in a workshop on children’s rights. The team working with them were so impressed and tweeted us “a big THANK YOU for visiting, your great energy and kindness made our day!”. What lovely feedback – well done 3rd Class.

Also on Wednesday, 6th Class had their final rock-climbing session at Larkin College. Our thanks to the team there for offering this great opportunity.

Today, Miss Brophy’s Junior Infants visited the pet shop as part of their learning about animals this term. They were very excited!

**Parish Mission**

St. Joseph’s Parish will be hosting a mission over the next fortnight. The school will be involved in the second week (18th April). We will have visitors from the mission team working with classes throughout the week. There will be a special prayer service on the Thursday evening in the church and the usual family Mass on Sunday 24th April. I will send more details home next week. In the meantime, please keep the dates free if you’d like to join us.

**Census Day**

We have been asked to remind families that it is Census Day in Ireland on Sunday, 24th April. Look out for the form which will be delivered to your home. If you need any help completing it, do come and ask us.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Best attendance this week was 5th Class with 96.7% - well done!

**Dates for your diary**

12th April – Meeting for new parents for Junior Infants in September 2016 at 1.45

14th April – 5th/6th Class to Pearse Museum

Week of 18th April – Parish Mission

21st April – Prayer Service at 7 p.m.

Sunday, 24th April – Family Mass at **11.45am**

2nd – 6th May – Mid-Term Break

12th May – Confirmation at 11.00am

29th May – First Communion at 11.45am

30th June – School finishes at 12 noon

**School Meals**

A reminder to return the menu forms we sent out before the holidays. If your child wants to change their meal, please complete the form and return it to us as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend!

Éadaoin Kelly - Principal