#### ST. COLMCILLE'S N.S.



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## January 2018 Newsletter

**Grandparents Day:** This year Catholic Schools week runs from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. As part of the celebration of 'Catholic Schools' week we will be having a prayer service in the school to mark Grandparents Day. We would like to invite all Grandparents in the community to this celebration with us. It will be happening on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 11.30 a.m. We hope to see you all there.

**Enrolment:** If you have a child for enrolment in September 2018 you can collect an enrolment form from the Principal at any time. Also any children in the community who may be interested in enrolling in our school please let their parents know.

We will have an Enrolment week from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Anyone who may be interested is invited to visit the school, if they wish any day this week from 2 to 3 p.m.

Mid-Term: The school will be closed on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February for Mid-Term.

### Stay Safe:

This term children in all classes will be covering the 'Stay Safe' Programme on Personal Safety as part of the S.P.H.E. curriculum. Children will bring home worksheets for signing, please use it as an opportunity to chat to your child about the various aspects of personal safety.

**Music:** We would like to thank the Parents who have paid the Music Fees for this year & a gentle reminder for those who may have forgotten.

**Book Rental:** Likewise there are still some outstanding Book bills & we would be grateful if these could be paid before Mid-Term.

**TextaParent:** All Parents will be familiar with the TextaParent Messaging Service. This is run by the IPPN, the Irish Primary Principals Network. They recently have developed an App called TextaParent for the same pupose, however the App enables schools to send texts at a much reduced rate. We would be grateful if Parents would download the App onto your phone for this purpose. If your phone does not facilitate Apps you will still receive a text message. TextaParent is available for both IOS & Android phones.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

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Mary Daly, Príomh Oide