

Revised School Calendar Feb-June

16th February Anti-bullying Talk

Presented by Liam Challenor from DCU Anti-bullying Centre takes place in the school at 7:00 pm

18th February Staff Meeting

School finishes at 12.30pm

19th February Chinese New Year (Feel free to call and see our Goodness Me Goodness You board

19th/20th February

February mid-term break

25th February Naas Community College Open Night

Meet the Principal, Mr Kieran Keegan in our now shared school. Starts at 7.30pm.

27th February

Retreat for students in 6th class making their confirmation.

12th March

First Confession for First Holy Communion Children in Ballycane Church (time is to be confirmed)

13th March Cake Sale

In aid of Jack & Jill foundation, organised by Hayley Dockrell

16th/17th March

March mid-term break

21st March

Confirmation in Ballycane Church at 11:00 am.

27th March – 12th April

Easter Holidays. School re-opens

Monday 13th April

01st May – 10th May

Mid-term break. School re-opens

Monday 11th May

21st May Staff Meeting

School finishes at 12.30pm (changed from the 20th)

24th May First Holy Communion

In Ballycane Church (time to be confirmed)

01st June

Bank Holiday

26th June

School closes for summer holidays.

School finishes at 12:30pm

**POD Information for the
Department of Education must be
returned by the 19th of February**

Upcoming Talks

Kildare Library have advised us of the following events which you may be

Naas Credit Union

We have partnered with Naas Credit Union to run a School Saving Scheme. The benefits of teaching children about money early on are both immediate and long term. In the short term, they may develop strong saving habits, learn how to make smart purchases and learn why they can't immediately get everything they want. In the long term, it helps them avoid getting into debt. And by teaching the value of saving for the future, it puts them on the road to financial security.

Taking part in the scheme give the children the opportunity to save in the school on a regular basis and can raise much needed funds for school activities. The scheme has been successful but numbers are down and we don't want the partnership to end. If you are interested in learning more please contact Patricia Russell, Naas Credit Union prussell@naascu.ie or 045 879622.

**Well done to all involved in the
Peace Proms. We were very proud
of them.**

Swimming

The final group to go swimming is Múinteoir Colin and Múinteoir Sarah's classes. They will commence on the 16th of February and finish on the 23rd March 2015. If you have not already paid, please do so as soon as possible

School Garden

It's that time of year for planting seeds etc. If anyone has garden tools (children or adults) in good condition and would like to donate them to the school please drop them into the school office. Many thanks.

interested in and they are free to all adults:

ANGER MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING & PREVENTING AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR

Dorothy Armstrong will host an evening that is aimed at parents, teachers and those who work with children with conditions such as Asperger's syndrome, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Oppositional Disorder or those with anger issues. It will cover the following issues:

- What makes some children more susceptible to angry outbursts.
- Strategies to help children manage their anger.
- Diet, exercise and staying calm.
- Dealing with aggressive or violent behaviour.

Leixlip Library: Thursday 30th April 7 pm
To book call: 01 6060050

STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR OLDER CHILDREN & TEENAGERS

Dorothy Armstrong will also host this evening again it's aimed primarily at parents but teachers and those who suffer from anxiety will also benefit from attending. Teenagers themselves are also very welcome to attend. The following topics will be covered:

- The stress response
- The causes of anxiety in children
- The role of diet and exercise

Naas Library: 23rd April 7 pm
To book call: 045 879111

ANIT-BULLYING TALK TONIGHT 16TH FEBRUARY IN ROOM 13 AT 7:00 PM. ALL WELCOME.

When dropping or collecting your child

Now that we are well settled into our new school, for security reasons we ask that you drop your child in reception and he/she can make their own way to their classroom. You don't need to sign them in. When collecting your child early, please fill in the sign out sheet in reception and a member of staff will go get your child. Thank you for your co-operation.

Afterschool activities:

Due to the mid-term break all after school activities i.e. Soccer, Basketball, Athletics, GAA etc. have been cancelled the week apologies for any inconvenience caused. Reminder; art classes resumes Thursday 26th of February.

Afterschool for Junior Classes

Because of the staff meeting this Wednesday and the mid-term break the afterschool fee will be €10 this week.