

Parent Newsletter

- **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:**

We hope that you all enjoyed the midterm break. We have a busy few months coming up and as always, we would love to get more people involved to help and contribute new ideas so please think about coming to our next meeting and giving your input. Stay in touch with what we are doing by checking our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Scoil-Ursula-Parents-Association-970193929690511/>) and as always, feel free to email us at scoilursulapa@gmail.com

- The Parents Association will again be providing pancakes for all pupils on Pancake Tuesday, 5th March. We need volunteers to help us staff the pancake stations so if you have an hour or so to spare on that morning, please contact us via the email or facebook page or text Pamela at 087-9023031. As the school is now a nut-free zone, there will be no Nutella on pancakes this year but we are looking at alternatives.
- We are currently evaluating a number of school photographers; we do this periodically to ensure that parents are getting the best value and the best quality possible. If you have any observations in relation to previous photographs or suggestions about specific options you would like to see offered, please email scoilursulapa@gmail.com. We expect to agree the photographer by the end of this week and to get photographs taken before the Easter break.
- There is still no PA class rep for Mrs Ryan's/Mrs Kilgallen's 3rd class. The PA class rep communicates any issues to the PA and gets minutes of all meetings; it does not take much time but is an important role. If you have a child in that class and could assist, please contact scoilursulapa@gmail.com or talk to Pamela at 087-9023031 to get further details.
- Our next meeting is in the school at 8:15pm on Thursday 28th February. Please come along to give your input and ideas; we would love to see you!

- **SCHOOL UNIFORM:** A big thank you to everybody who has cooperated with our campaign to re-establish the wearing of the correct uniforms for Scoil Ursula. We have noticed a huge improvement since Mid Term and the children look so much better for it. There are very few issues outstanding and we have some spare uniforms to change into for those who still haven't full uniform in place. We are hoping that as the days and weeks pass, fewer and fewer children will need to change in the morning and afternoon and we are grateful for all your support in this.

- **CALENDAR CHANGES:** We have made a few changes to our School Calendar as follows:

- May 23rd: Staff Inservice Day for Primary Language Curriculum Planning.
- May 24th: European & Local Elections.

The school will be closed for pupils on both the above dates.

- **SPORT:**

- **GAA Coaching:** Our GAA Coaching Scheme has begun this week with Jnr Inf – 2nd Class taking football on Mondays and 3rd – 6th doing hurling on Wednesdays.
- **Spar Fais 5-A-Side Soccer:** This year's competition will take place in the Showgrounds over the next two weeks. The final eight girls and boys are being decided this week. We are grateful to John Mc Ateer, for helping out in the selection process. Good luck to all our players!!

- **DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDRAISER:** Míle buíochas for your fantastic support of our pre-Mid Term Pyjama Day which raised an incredible €800 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the school. Staff will be participating in training over the coming months.
- **SCHOOL WEBSITE:** Don't forget to keep up with school news, events and policy formation on our website www.scoilursula.com You can also get updates to our School News blog directly to your email address! Subscribe in the sidebar of the School News page! Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!!

- **DATES FOR YOU DIARY:**

- PA Meeting: Thursday, February 28, 8:15pm
- 1st Confession: Thursday March 21, 7pm, Cathedral
- Confirmation: Sunday May 19, 12:00, Cathedral
- Staff Inservice Day Thursday May 23, SCHOOL CLOSED
- Elections Friday May 24, SCHOOL CLOSED
- 1st Communion: Sunday June 9, 12:00, Cathedral

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Tony Gallagher, Principal.