

Scoil Ursula Newsletter

• PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

The Scoil Ursula Parents Association wishes you all a lovely Easter. You can 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 . Some recent and upcoming activities are:

- School Photos: Frances Muldoon completed the school photos and has sent home the order forms. Please remember if you wish to order your child's photos that you have your order form in before the Easter break. Frances will also be the photographer for the confirmation this year. Kathy Burke will be photographer for the Communion.
- Confirmation We will be looking for volunteers for the confirmation party that is held in the Gilhooly Hall after mass. The confirmation is on the 19th of May. If you know that you are able to volunteer on that day could you please contact scoilursulapa@gmail.com or contact Pamela on 087-9023031. As with every year we will be looking for volunteers to help set up and give out tea/coffee. We will send out more details following the Easter break.
- Next Meeting Our next meeting is on Thursday the 2nd of May at 8.15. We would love to see you all there as we will be planning the confirmation and communion parties.

• REMINDERS:

- **School Parking** – Please remember not to park in the bus bay or on double yellow lines. Most children can be dropped a reasonable distance from the school in a safe place and the walk the rest of the way is good exercise for them. The school car park is for Staff Only. Please to not drive into or impede access to the school grounds to drop off or pick up your children. Doing so creates a dangerous situation for our pupils and staff. Also please don't park in front of driveways. Many of our local residents are unable to drive in and out in the mornings and afternoons.
- **Pedestrian Entrances** – Please use the pedestrian entrances when bringing your children to and from school. It is dangerous to go through the staff car park because of the vehicles coming in and out and parking. You may feel that, because you are with your child, it is safe. However, this is teaching your child that it's ok to go that way and someday, when you are not there, your child may go that way and be in danger!
- **JERSEY DAY:** Our Annual Jersey Day Day to raise funds for our Coaching Scheme is tomorrow. Wear in a sports jersey, preferably a GAA one, with your school tracksuit bottoms. €2 per child or €5 per family of 3 or more. Míle buíochas.
- **CHILDREN LEAVING SCHOOL:** If for any reason, your child(ren) will not be in Scoil Ursula next year, please let us know as soon as possible. Please let us know if you are planning to move!!

- **RSE & STAY SAFE PROGRAMME:** In the final term after the Easter holidays, our teachers will be teaching your children the Stay Safe Programme and the Relationships & Sexuality Programme as part of the SPHE curriculum. These are Department of Education and Skills directed compulsory programmes, aimed at educating children about RSE and protecting children against abuse of any kind, and schools are obliged to provide it. You can find information about them on our website.

If you do not wish your child to participate in these lessons, the school must receive a written request not to participate before Friday, April 12th.

- **SCHOOL UNIFORMS & BOOKS:** We are appealing again for donations of school uniforms and schoolbooks that are no longer needed and in reasonable condition. We are particularly low on brown and blue uniforms in the middle sizes. Please do not donate books that have been written on as they cannot be re-used. We are very grateful for the generosity of parents, who continue to respond to our appeals.
- **EASTER HOLIDAYS:** The school will close for the Easter Holiday tomorrow, Friday at 12:00 and reopens on Monday, April the 29th.
- **PLC INSERVICE DAY & ELECTIONS:** The school will be closed on Thursday and Friday, May 23rd & 24th for Staff Inservice on the new Primary Language Curriculum and the European & Local Elections.
- **ALLIANZ MINI-7S & CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL:** Congratulations to our girls Mini-7s team who won Scoil Ursula's first ever Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Mini-7s yesterday in Collooney overcoming stern challenges from Corballa NS and Curry NS in the semi-final and final respectively!! Well done to Mr Phelan and all of our GAA Coaches. The 15-a-side also got underway this week with our first game against Rathcormac NS. The girls continued their great recent form with a comfortable win while the boys lost out narrowly in a very tight tussle.
- **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:**
 - 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.