St. Conaire's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First Holy Communion 2019: We congratulate all the children from our 2nd classes who are making their First Holy Communion tomorrow, May 11th. Along with their teachers and SNAs, they have put in a lot of hard work since September and we wish them and their families well.

First Communion Party: The Parents' Association will hold their First Communion party in the school next Wednesday afternoon. More details after the weekend.

Diocesan Religion Adviser: Joe Searson, the religion adviser for the Diocese of Killaloe, will visit the 2^{nd} and 6^{th} classes next Thursday.

St. Conaire's Fittest Team 2019: Brochures and application forms for this fun event have been sent out and the closing date is next Friday, May 17th. Information is also available from the school website www.conaires.ie/news

Literacy and Numeracy Testing: Testing for all classes from 1st to 6th will start next week and it is very important that all pupils are at school for the tests. Please ensure your child is at school.

FAI Soccer Tournament: Our boys' team will take part in the Munster Finals this coming week in Limerick. We wish the panel, the team and their coaches, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Glynn, the very best of luck.

Upcoming elections, May 24th: Please note that, as the school is required as a voting station, St. Conaire's will be closed on Friday, May 24th.

Enhancing Communications through Aladdin Connect: In order to improve our communication systems we are introducing a new system called Aladdin Connect. This is a comprehensive communication platform which will include a wide range of features including a parent portal, a parent/teacher meeting scheduler, a facility for letting us know absence reasons, a new SMS service, notice board alerts and many other items. This is currently being enrolled and we would ask all parents to download the Aladdin Connect App to their phones. It is an easy-to-use app and will greatly improve communication between school and home. We hope to have this up and running as quickly as possible.

St. Senan's Rugby Club: St. Senan's RFC are holding an eight week programme for girls mini rugby (ages 10 -14) at the club. The programme starts this Monday, May 13th, with registration opening at 6pm. The sessions are from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. More details on www.irishrugby.ie/giveitatry

Yours sincerely, Peter Walsh, Principal

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