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 **2nd June 2022**

**Dear Parents,**

**Booklists for 2022-2023**

A copy of your child's booklist for next year will be sent home in their schoolbag today. If you would like the school to order the books for you, please send in the money by Wednesday 8th June. The books will be sent home before the end of term. There is no obligation to purchase the books through the school.

**Cork City Sports Day**

The bus for Cork City Sports Day will leave the school at 10 a.m. tomorrow. This year the girls' races will take place first. The boys' races will take place after lunch. In the event that a boy qualifies for the finals, we will contact their parents and they have the option of bringing them to the finals at 4pm themselves. It is likely that we will not return to the school until approximately 3:30. We will send a text when we leave Cork with a more accurate update of our return time to the school. The children will need sun cream, a raincoat, a packed lunch and a drink. There is no need for them to bring any money but they may bring a treat if you wish. Unfortunately rain is forecast for tomorrow afternoon so their raincoats will be needed for wearing and for sitting on. Please do not allow them to take electronic devices with them. There will be 3,000 children there and we do not want them to misplace any valuable belongings. The bus that we have hired is a Maybury's bus and it will drop the bus children home afterwards.

**Teddy Bears' Picnic**

Tomorrow the junior and senior infants will be having a teddy bears' picnic. They have an invitation in their school bags. They may bring a teddy of their choice to school tomorrow. Any pupils who didn't want to go Cork CIty Sports are invited to attend the Teddy Bears' Picnic instead.

**Bank Holiday**

There will be no school on Monday 6th June.

**School Garden Competition**

The judge from Muintir na Tíre school garden competition, will visit the school on Friday 10th June. The prize giving will take place on Wednesday 22nd June in County Hall at 10a.m. Due to venue restrictions the attendance is strictly limited to one adult and two schoolchildren from each school.

**River Bio-diversity Workshop**

The Tidy Towns Committee applied for a grant and are funding a four hour river bio-diversity workshop for the senior pupils on Thursday 16th June. This workshop will be run by Streamscapes. The pupils will need wellies, spare socks and the pupils should wear shorts. There will also be a free community workshop for adults on the evening of Wednesday 15th June.

**Discovery Primary Science and Maths Award**

We have been awarded a Plaque of STEM ( Science, technology, engineering and maths. The virtual award ceremony will take place on Friday 17th June and the plaque will be posted to the school. Thank you to Ms. Sullivan for documenting all our science and maths' activities throughout the school year.

**School Tour**

On 21st June, the whole school will go to 'The Hollies Centre for Sustainability'. The cost of the tour is €10 per pupil and this is covered by your AAP. The children will be cob building, foraging, visiting the horses, examining their polytunnels and vegetable patches, going for a sensory walk and completing a canopy walk.

**Active Flag**

Yesterday we had our Active Flag accreditation visit and we have been informed today that we have successfully renewed our active flag. Congratulations to Ms. Sullivan and the Active Flag Committee for organising so many fun, active events for us throughout the year.

**Dates for your Diary**

Friday 3rd June Cork City Sports Day and Teddy Bears' picnic for junior and senior infants

Monday 6th June  No school

Wednesday 8th June Deadline to order textbooks for the 2022-23 school year

Friday 10th June        Visit from the School Garden Competition Judge

Wednesday 15th June School will close at 12p.m. for the Primary Language Curriculum Training

Thursday 16th June                River Biodiversity Workshop for the senior classes

Friday 17th June                    Discover Primary Science Awards Ceremony online from 10-11am

Friday 17th June                    School Sports Day from 11:45a.m.

Tuesday 21st June                  School Tour to 'The Hollies Centre for Sustainability' for all classes

Wednesday 22nd June          School Garden Awards Ceremony

Thursday 23rd June                End of Year Assembly

Tuesday 28th June                  Summer holidays begin at 12p.m.