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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and the girls are all looking forward to the summer break and, hopefully, some fine weather! We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all parents for your support and input throughout the year.

We have had a very busy few weeks here in school. The children had a great time on their school tours. Junior Infants went to Airfield House. Senior Infants went to Newgrange Farm and First Classes are going to Pine Forest today. We welcomed our new Junior Infants and their parents to an Open morning and we had visits from Learnit Lego, Graffiti Classics and the Early Childhood facilitator from the National Concert Hall. Patrick Hunt from Heritage in Schools also came to bring our First Class girls on a Minibeast Hunt. The weather was lovely on Fun for All Day when the children got an opportunity to try out a variety of different sports and activities.

The Parents' Association hosted the annual Bake Sale in the school hall on 25 May. We have benefited hugely from the funds raised this year and I would like to thank Ciara Mullarkey and the members of the Parents' Association for their work and support this year. Their work has contributed greatly to the successful running of the school.

The Graduation Ceremony for the First Class girls took place on Friday, 15 June. The ceremony marked the end of one stage of their education and the beginning of the next. Thank you to Fr Martin Hogan who was in attendance at the ceremony and who spoke to the girls about kindness and friendship. Light refreshments were kindly provided by the Parents' Association in the hall. We wish all our First Class girls the best of luck and a happy and successful time in Second Class.

Trócaire wish to thank the parents and pupils of the school for collecting the sum of €2,722.93 during the annual Lenten campaign. Well done to all concerned.

The school report cards were sent out on 11 June. As per DES guidelines the report cards of the First Class girls will be passed on to the Senior School upon enrolment.

Please return all the English readers to the school before the end of term. These were bought by the school and we hope to continue this practice next year in an attempt to make the booklist more affordable for all.

Booklists for next year will accompany this newsletter and books should be purchased over the holidays and sent in to school with your child on the first day back. Please label your child's books. Curriculum expenses should be paid to the class teacher on 30 August of through the ePayment link that you will receive.

The St Vincent de Paul have asked that the following notice be placed in the Newsletter “A fund has been made available to assist those who are experiencing some financial difficulty with the purchase of school books, uniforms, school tours and other school expenses. Please contact this confidential number 087 2733961.”

We are currently reviewing all pupil personal data which is stored in the school. A Data Protection Privacy Statement for Parents, Guardians and Pupils has been drafted and will be made available once ratified by the Board of Management.

Please take home all your child’s belongings e.g. bicycles, scooters, etc. as we cannot take responsibility for items left on the school premises over the summer. If any medication was kept in the school for your child, please make arrangements to take it home before the summer holidays. Replacement medication should be provided to the school in September.

As the four Belgrove Schools will be closing at 12 noon on Friday, 29 June, there will be a lot of extra traffic in the area. On previous occasions, local residents have contacted us regarding their driveways being blocked. Please remember to park your vehicle responsibly. Thank you for your co-operation.

On behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to say a sincere thank you to all the teachers and Special Needs Assistants and to Lorraine our Secretary and Colm our Caretaker for all their hard work and co-operation during the year.

Dates for your Diary

The holidays for 2018/2019 have been posted on the school website www.belgrove.ie

- **School closes for summer holidays on 29 June 2018 at 12 o’clock.**
- **School re-opens for new term Thursday 30 August 2018 at 8.35am.**
- **Junior Infants 2018 will finish at 12 o’clock for the first week and a half i.e. until Friday 7 September.**

Have a great summer.

DEARBHLA O’DRISCOLL
Principal