

PARENTS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023

Dear Parents

As we near the end of the School Year, we hope that everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break over the Summer Holidays.

Here are some news items to bear in mind over the next few weeks.

School Tracksuits

The school has decided to change our tracksuit for next year.

We are delighted to have secured a local supplier who has provided us with a fantastic school design. Gaelic Plus are currently supplying numerous schools and clubs in Killarney.

We will sell the tracksuits directly ourselves in school and this way we can keep the prices as low as possible. Pupils will be able to buy a school top and half-zip from the school.

Parents can then buy their **own plain navy tracksuit pants** as part of the school tracksuit. We stress that the tracksuit pants must be a **plain navy pants** and not leggings or branded tracksuits.

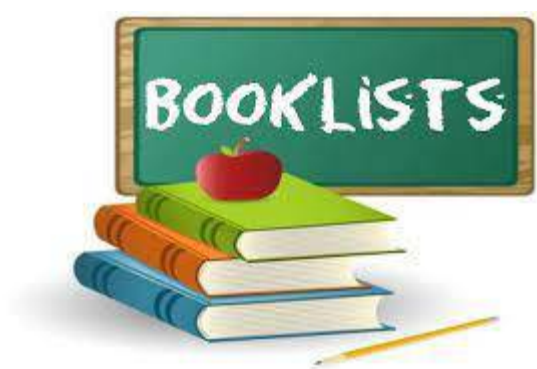
These will be available in Dunnes/Tesco/M&S etc and should not be overly expensive.

We are conscious of the financial expense this might put on families so for next year pupils can wear the current school tracksuit or the new school tracksuit.

When you need to replace the old tracksuit, we are asking parents to purchase the new tracksuit at that point. We hope this makes the transition easier for all families.

The new tracksuit will be available to purchase from the school in August before we return. We will notify all parents when this is taking place.

Pupils will be informed by their teachers the days to wear the uniform and the days to wear tracksuits. We are asking all parents to co-operate fully with this and to have the correct clothes on the appropriate days.



Booklists

All booklists for next year are currently available on our school website.

<https://stolivers.ie/parents-page/book-lists>

A reminder that the Free Books Scheme will cover all your child's text books, workbooks, online resources, and copybooks. These are listed on the booklist. What Parents need to buy separately are also listed in the Booklist.

The additional expenses that are not covered are listed separately and we will collect payment for these in September. These include; Pupil Accident Insurance, Photocopying/Art and Craft supplies etc.



Wellbeing Week

We are thrilled to announce our first Wellbeing Week here in St. Oliver's from the 19th – 23rd June 2023. During this special week, we will focus on promoting a culture of gratitude, boosting self-confidence, and nurturing the overall emotional health of our students. One of the highlights of the week will be a surprise visit from an Ice Cream Van on Tuesday the 20th of June. Many thanks to our Parents Association for sponsoring this lovely treat. If your child has an allergy or food intolerance, please make contact with your child's class teacher this week, to ensure we will be able to cater for them on the day.



Active Flag

We are delighted to have received our first Active Flag award recently. This is in recognition of all the activities we have been promoting throughout the school over the last year.

A huge thanks to the Active Flag team who have worked on this with great enthusiasm throughout the year.

We will have a flag-raising ceremony next week to mark the achievement.



School Reports

The school reports will not be posted home this year.

They will be sent to parents through the Aladdin app and will remain on your child's profile.

We will notify parents before the end of term when they have been sent out.

Aladdin E-Payments

From September we are moving to an online payments system through the Aladdin app.

If some parents prefer to use cash for school expenses, that will be accommodated.

However, all parent who wish to pay for any expenses online will be able to do so.



School Website

We are delighted to tell you that we have a new website up and running. It has a lot of new features and we look forward to adding to it over time.

It is linked to Aladdin and Twitter and we aim to keep everyone up to speed with all the fantastic activities which take place here throughout the year.

<https://stolivers.ie>



School Lotto

Thanks to everyone who has supported our School Lotto.

It has been very well received and will provide us with an opportunity to purchase new resources for the school on an ongoing basis.

Kerry Jersey

As a special prize for next week's school lotto the Kerry GAA store have sponsored a kid's Kerry Jersey of choice. The weekly winner next week can choose their preferred size and colour jersey and it will be signed by the entire Kerry team!



School Holidays

The school will close for Summer Holidays on 28th June at 12 noon.



School Reopening – Staggered Return.

The school will re-open Thursday Aug 31st with a staggered day.

Junior Infants/Senior Infants/1st/2nd Classes will return from 8.50 am to 11.30 am

3rd/4th/5th/6th classes will return from 12 noon to 2.30 pm.

This is for this day only to facilitate a safe and orderly return to school.