

## THE SCHOOL YEAR 2012

Back to school isn't currently at the forefront of children's minds, but with books to cover & label, skirts and trousers to shorten, name tags to be stitched in just when can you next take a few days away?

For Irish School holidays here is a brief guide to some of the dates as we understand them for the coming years. Always check your own school though for definitive information on school holiday dates.

There are agreed arrangements in respect of the standardisation of the breaks at Christmas, Easter and mid-term in the first and second terms for the school years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 and they are contained in a Department of Education Circular. Private Primary and Secondary schools may have different arrangements.

Post primary schools must open for 167 days and primary schools must open for 183 days and for the first time, contingency arrangements have been put in place within the standardised school year to deal with unforeseen school closures. Parents should be aware of these contingency arrangements if booking holidays.

Here we provide details of the standardised school year and a back to school budget template

### So just what does the 2011 school year look like?

#### September



Schools throughout the country re-open during the last week in August and the first week in September

#### October



#### October Mid-Term

All Schools close from Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November inclusive

#### November



Schools re-open Monday 7th November after the mid-term break

#### December



### **Christmas Holidays**

Schools close Thursday 22nd December for Christmas holidays

### **January**



All schools re-open Monday 9th January

### **February**



#### **February Mid-Term**

**Secondary Schools** closed 13th - 17th Feb inclusive.

**Primary Schools** close either on 16th & 17th February with the option to use 3 discretionary days to extend the break to 5 days - check what your school is doing

### **March**



**St Patricks Day - 17th March**

### **April**



#### **Easter Holidays**

All schools are closed from Monday 30th March for 2 weeks - re-opening 16th April

### **May**



**May Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May**

Some primary schools (usually those who took a short February mid-term) will close for a few extra days after the May bank holiday - check with your school.

### **June**



Secondary schools finish by 1st June to facilitate start of state Junior & Leaving Certificate Results

June Bank Holiday - Monday 4th June

**Back to School Checklist and Budget:**

		Childs name		Childs name		Childs name	
		Notes:	Cost	Notes:	Cost	Notes:	Cost
Uniform	Jumper / Cardigan						
	Trousers / Skirt						
	Shirts / Blouses						
	Coat / Blazer						
	Name labels						
	Shoes						
	Other						
Sportswear	Tracksuit						
	Polo /Tee Shirt						
	Sports Socks						
	Runners						
	Boots						
	Other						
Stationery	Copy books and Folders						
	Pens / pencils / Pencil case						
	Art Supplies						
	Science Materials						
	Lunchbox						
	Schoolbag						
Schoolbooks	Other						
School Fees							
Voluntary Contribution							
School Tour / Trips							
Celebrations e.g. Communion							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL</b>							