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### **School Community Newsletter October 2019**

#### **Sacraments**

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sheahan's class will be at 10am and Ms. Neylon's Class will be at 12noon. Confirmation will take place on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am.

#### **Safety**

Please obey all rules of the road and allow for plenty of time when dropping off and picking up children. Please report dangerous driving/ parking directly to Mayorstone on 061456980 - thank you to those who have reported dangerous drivers directly to the Gardaí. Please respect access points for neighbours. The church car park is not a drop-off zone, it is for parking. It is too dangerous for children to be let out of cars while there are other cars reversing.

#### **Lunches and Uniform**

Well done to everybody on all the healthy lunches and full uniform. It is fair to everybody when everyone complies. Spare uniforms are available if anybody is stuck and we will lend one to a child who has forgotten the uniform – please return it the following day.

#### **Cycling**

6<sup>th</sup> Class will receive Road Safety Authority approved cycling training in November. A letter will be sent to 6<sup>th</sup> Class with further details.

#### **Enrolment**

Closing date for enrolment applications is on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The Admissions Policy is on our website. Application forms are available from Catherine in the office.

#### **Secondary Schools**

It is essential that you attend the open night and read the enrolment policy of each secondary school that you are interested in your child attending. Primary school teachers or management have absolutely no influence in securing places for children in secondary school, it is solely the responsibility of the family of each child. We of course offer advice on making the transition to secondary school.

### **Spanish**

Thank you to Ms. Quilty for offering Spanish lessons after school to 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

### **Chess**

Chess Club is starting in Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.40pm until 3.40pm. New members are welcome. All levels are welcome. It is open to children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Please send a note to Ms. Needham if you are interested. Thank you to Ms. Needham for offering this.

### **Data Update**

We will be sending home a print off of all the contact details we have for you and all the consents you have given. If there are any changes to be made please note them on the sheet. **Please read, sign and return it even if there are no changes.**

### **Colours Day**

Children can dress up for Halloween on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. This year, we will send a request via ePayments for €8 to cover the Colours Day at Halloween, Christmas, St. Patricks Day, Easter and summer. This is fundraising which pays for the Outdoor Project (Playground, gardens and sensory room).

### **Christmas Cards**

Thank you to the Parents Association who are organising the sale of children's Christmas Cards. Money raised will go towards the Outdoor Project.

### **Classroom Assistants**

Thank you to Ms. Carey who is currently in the process of organising university students, who are interested in a career teaching, to work here as classroom assistants from January 2020. This project was a huge success last year.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class Trip**

Both 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes will attend a writer workshop in Watchhouse Cross Library on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. They will depart at 10am and return at 12 noon. The cost of the bus is €2. We will add this onto the school tour price and collect it all via ePayments in June. Please send in a note if you do not want your child to attend.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

These will take place on Monday and Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. School will finish at 2.25pm on those dates. The bus company have been informed as has the lollipop lady. You will be sent appointment times. Everybody will have a ten minute slot with each teacher. Where parents have more than one child, the second appointment will be given ten minutes after the end of the first appointment and so on, to allow time for you to move room to room. We have 326 appointments for 232 families so we ask for your cooperation on two matters. **Please do not spend longer than 10 minutes with a teacher and please take the slot that is allocated to you. If at any other stage you need to meet a teacher please just make an appointment through the office.**

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to Ms. Carey who has organised the Book Fair for November 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Further correspondence will be issued by Ms. Carey.

**Family Day**

Thank you to all who made it to our Family Day when we officially opened the playground, sensory room and new school gardens.

**Attendance**

June

Girls: 90.7% Boys: 92%

September

Girls: 97.7% Boys: 97.7%

**School Self-Evaluation**

Ms Guckian and Ms Ryan will be publishing an update on our school improvement plans next week. For literacy we are focusing on graded reading and for numeracy we are focusing on problem solving, continuing to use our agreed maths language and continue the implementation of 'Ready Set Go Maths' in infants and 'Mata sa Rang' in SI-2<sup>nd</sup>.

Kind regards,

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Gerard Ruane

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