

School Closure – Friday 18th November

Please note the school will be closed for all children to facilitate a training day for teachers on the New Primary Language Curriculum for Primary Schools.

Parent/Teacher Meetings – 23rd & 24th November

The Parent Teacher Meetings will take place next Wednesday and Thursday. School will finish at the normal time of 2.30pm on Wednesday 23rd November, but will finish at 2.15pm on Thursday 24th November. Please collect your child on time.

Funding Letter

This letter, appealing for help with school funds, was sent home last week by email. We are very grateful for all contributions received so far. Every contribution counts and whatever you can send in is really very much appreciated. Thank you.

Food Dudes

The school is participating in the Food Dudes Healthy Eating programme starting on the 25th November. A letter went home with the children yesterday. For further information please see the website www.fooddudes.ie. Thanks to Mr. Boner for organising this.

Science Week

Monday was the start of Science week. Children from 3rd to 6th had great fun taking part in the paper aeroplane competition. Congratulations to the winners..... Today all children will participate in exciting science experiments. 6th class students will be showing their Intel projects on Tuesday 22nd November and parents are invited in from 9.30 a.m. We hope everyone enjoys this exciting week. Thank you to all the teachers involved for planning a great week and to Mr. Brown for co-ordinating.

MarathonKids – Sunday 20th November.

Well done to our students who have been running a mile in school this term with a view to completing the first ever MarathonKids Programme. The final mile event takes place this Sunday 20th November at the National Sports Campus. Kindly note, it is the parents responsibility to bring their child to the event. Registration takes place from 8.30 – 9.30. Best of luck to all involved and a special thanks to Mr. Kenny for organising this great event.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair went home today, please check all schoolbags! Tickets cost €2 each or €10 for a book of 6. There are some great prizes including a Samsung Tab A! Good luck to everyone from the Parents Association.

Sam Maguire Visit

On Monday we had a very exciting day when the Sam Maguire and Ciarán Kilkenny from our victorious Dublin Football Team paid a visit to the school. We hope everyone enjoyed the day.

Internet Safety – 6th Class

The Neighbourhood Youth Project is providing an Internet Safety programme to our 6th class children, over four weeks. These sessions will run each Wednesday. The focus will be on social media awareness and stranger danger online. We hope the children finds it useful.

National Concert Hall

4th class are heading to the National Concert Hall next Tuesday to experience *Musical Adventures* with the RTE National Symphony Orchestra, as part of the 4th class music curriculum. *Musical Adventures* is all about capturing the imagination of children and teachers, experiencing the power of a live orchestra and introducing the individual instruments and instrument families. We hope they have a very enjoyable day.

Art Class

Miss Mackle will be running a new Art Class for 5th & 6th classes. Classes will begin today Wednesday 16th November from 2.30 – 4.00p.m.at a cost of €75 for 9 sessions. Places are still available.

After School Programme: European Elite Soccer: Education & Fun.

European Elite Soccer in association with St Mochtas F.C. will run an after school programme for all children in the community of Dublin 15. The idea of the programme is to provide a fun & safe learning environment, where the children can play football and be introduced to extra curricular education through sport. The programme will run every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 14:30 - 16:00, starting the week of Tuesday November 8th, running until Thursday December 15th. Cost is €12.50 per session (Tuesday or Thursday), or €60.00 for a 6 week block. The students will be collected, and registered outside of the national school at 14:30, and walked to St Mochtas F.C. The programme finishes at 16:00, where parents will collect the students at St Mochtas F.C. All our coaches are UEFA qualified and Garda vetted, with an educational background in sports science and physical education. At all times the students will be supervised by professional staff, with a max ratio of 1 student to 10 players.

For more information check out: www.eesacademyire.com

Call: 01-531200 or 085-2108185

Email: info@eesacademyire.com

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

There will be a talk in St. Mochta's Pastoral Centre on Thursday 17th November at 8pm. Three members of the community will share their experience of **Coping with the Loss of a Child** (unborn, infant and adult child). Everybody is welcome to this free talk. For more information please call 086 2479216 or email bethanybereavementgroup@stmochtasparish.ie

Music Lessons

Experienced teacher available for group violin, tin whistle or piano lessons at very reasonable rates
Tin Whistle classes available on Tuesdays after school starting in January. Instruments provided and the cost per class is €3.50. If interested, please email your child's name and age to : musicclasses@yahoo.com

Christmas Fair 2016 - Sunday 27th November from 1pm to 5pm

Visit Santa at the Christmas Fair

Tickets to visit Santa will be on sale by the Parents Association volunteers at the school, on the path to Gate 1, on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th November at 8.30am, 1.20pm & 2.20pm. Tickets cost €5 for one child and €10 for a family of two or more children.

Please book early as this can book out quickly.

Donations

Volunteers will be collecting donations at 8.30am, 1.20pm & 2.20pm each school day from Mon 21st Nov - Fri 25th Nov. There will also be one evening collection on Thurs 24th Nov from 7-8 pm.

Gather together any items in good condition to donate at the above times:

- **Bottles** of wine, spirits and minerals can be raffled on the day for the bottle stall
- **Books**, for children and adults, in good condition for our Book Stall
- **CDs, DVDs** (no video cassettes), in good working order
- **TOYS**, in good working condition – **NO SOFT TOYS**
- We would also appreciate any unused Christmas decorations to help decorate the hall

Cake Stall

We welcome donations to the cake stall on the morning of the fair Sunday 27th November – buns, biscuits, tarts, scones, flans, brownies, cakes, small Christmas cake/pudding, home baked or shop bought.

Kindly note, due to a number of children having severe nut allergies in the school, we would ask that you please do not use any nuts or nut products in your baking. Thank You!

‘Guess the Jar’

The student council will be visiting each classroom from Mon 21st with a jar of CHOCOLATES. Guess the no. of chocolates in the jar- €1 for 2 guesses. Nearest guess wins the jar of chocolates!

Volunteers on the day are crucial to the success of this great event

We currently need at least LOTS more volunteers to ensure that the event runs successfully.

Help with the set up on Friday afternoon 25th November or Saturday 26th November. Or volunteer on Sunday 27th November to help run a stall, if only for a few hours, or with clean up after the fair.

If you can help please see a member of the Committee or email Fiona/ Clodagh - parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie