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News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community

16th January 2019

Upcoming Events

- The Faith Friends Programme for 6th Class students started last night and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday. We hope children enjoy the experience.
- A parent meeting for children preparing for 1st Communion will take place at 8.00pm in St. Mochta's Church tomorrow - Thursday 17th January 2019.
- A parent meeting for children preparing for Confirmation will take place in the Church at 8.00pm next Thursday 24th January 2019.
- Catholic Schools Week 2019 will be celebrated for the week commencing 27th January. The theme for this week is **Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Ours Local Catholic Schools.**

The Laudate Festival (as part of Catholic School's Week- Primary School Music Programme) presents an evening of Music and Reflection. All families are invited to attend and the entry is free. Should you wish to attend, the Festival takes place on the following dates and location:-

- Monday 28th January at 7pm at St. Pius X Church, Templeogue
- Tuesday 29th January at 7pm at Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun
- Wednesday 30th January at 7.00pm at Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion

Health & Safety

- Please ask children to walk on the paths around the school. At this time of the year, the grass areas are wet, mucky and slippery. This is for the safety of your child. Thanks for your co-operation.
- Road Safety – again, we encourage every parent to speak to their children about road safety to and from school. Please be aware of the designated road crossing areas which are safely supervised by our Traffic Wardens. If you do park in the area, please park safely and respectfully and do not allow your children to run across the road from a parked car. Do not under any circumstances let your children out of your car while in traffic. School drop off and pick up times are extremely busy times on the roads around our school and we want to ensure the safety of all our children. Thank you for your co-operation with this very important matter.
- In the interest of Health and Safety, we ask all children and parents to please dismount bicycles and scooters before entering the school grounds. On entering the school grounds, we ask you to walk with your bike/scooter to the lockup areas or until you reach the road when leaving the school.

School Photographer

The school photographer finished taking the photographs today. Proofs and orders will be sent home in the next few weeks. Further details regarding this will be announced in the newsletter at the time.

Lost Property

There is a large quantity of clothing in our Lost Property area. This includes tracksuit jumpers, hat, scarves and some good coats. If your child is missing any items, please visit the area (near the main school reception). To avoid lost property, we encourage all families to label their child's property.

Illness in School

It's that time of year when illness can spread easily. School plays a critical role in protecting the health of their students, staff and the community from contagious coughs, colds and tummy bugs. Please do not send your child to school if he/she presents such illness. On your child's return to school, please send in a note to your class teacher explaining the absence. There is no need to provide a letter from your doctor. For some helpful tips, please click on the following www.undertheweather.ie

Community Notices

- Porterstown Panto Players present Aladdin at St. Mochta's Parish Centre from 24th to 27th January 2019. There will be 3 evening shows starting at 7.30pm and two matinee performances starting at 2.30pm. Further details and tickets are available from the Parish Office or after masses. Tickets cost €10 for adults and €5 for children, with a family special concession on Thursday.
- **Tigers Afterschool Care** still have places available from 1.30pm to 6.30pm. If you are interested, please contact the Manager, Amanda Jones, at 086-1704001 for further details.