

# Scéalta 2

News & Information for  
St. Mochta's National School Community  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Welcome Back

We are delighted to report that everyone has made a great start to the new school year. All of our classes are working hard and trying their best. Well done everyone. A special well done to our new Junior Infants who are settling in well to St. Mochta's National School. Keep up the great work everyone!

## Build Update

The floor to our new school will be starting at the end of this week as the builders start pouring concrete on the foundations. This is a very exciting time and from next week, children will start to see the pre-cast concrete walls being delivered and put together.

Arrangements are currently in place to ensure that no deliveries are made to the building site during the school drop off and collection times. However, **Friday will be an exception. Deliveries of concrete will be made throughout the school day to the site entrance on the Clonsilla Road.**

Please be extra vigilant on Friday when bringing and collecting children from school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this very important matter.

## New Entry & Exit Procedures

As you are aware the school is currently trialling new entry and exit systems. Thank you to our whole school community for their co-operation and patience with our new procedures. The children have adapted to the new routine already. Thank you to parents who have made suggestions to help improve the procedures. We are always willing to hear ideas that make the routine easier. We will continue to monitor the new procedures over the coming weeks and may make changes as necessary.

As a reminder, please note that **only 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class students are to be collected on St. Patrick's Yard at 2.25pm.** All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes will be accompanied by their teacher and exit Gate 1 and can be met at the front of the school at 2.30pm. 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will exit through the main entrance to the school.

## School Break Times

Outlined below are the times of school breaks. Should you need to collect your child for an appointment, please avoid these times. To avoid delays, it might be easier to collect your child before they go on break. Office staff are unable to leave the Reception to look for children in the yard.

<u>Class Level</u>	<u>Morning Break</u>	<u>Lunch Break</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class to 6 <sup>th</sup> Class	10.15am - 10.25am	12.00pm - 12.30pm
Junior Infants to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	10.30am - 1.40pm	12.35pm - 1.05pm

We are delighted that we have sufficient yard space for all children to get outside for their breaks each day.

## Wet Day Procedures

Kindly note that children will line up in the yard as normal if the rain is light. Please ensure that your child is wearing a raincoat with a hood. If the rain is heavy, please follow the procedures outlined below.

- All parents and children will enter through Gate 3 as normal. Infant children will pass Gate 2 and go through St. Patrick's Corridor directly to their classrooms.
- All parents will exit through Gate 2 as normal.
- Children from 1<sup>st</sup> Classes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes and the first floor of St. Joseph's (Ms. Leddy's 4th Class & Ms. Griffin/Ms. McLoughlin's 4<sup>th</sup> Class) & 5th Classes will go through St. Patrick's corridor and line up in the hall.
- Children on the ground floor of St. Joseph's (3<sup>rd</sup> Classes and Ms. Aherne's 4<sup>th</sup> Class and Mr. Kenny's 4<sup>th</sup> Class) will go straight to their classrooms in St. Joseph's.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will enter through Gate 3 onto St. Patrick's Corridor and will go directly to their classrooms. Mr. Mullarkey's 6<sup>th</sup> Class will line up in the hall.

### **Parking**

There is very limited parking on Porterstown Road. **School Car Parks are strictly for staff only.** Do not park in nearby housing estates and do not obstruct local residents' driveways. Think safety, courtesy and consideration at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **PE Timetable**

The PE Timetable will be finalised by the end of this week and emailed to all families. Children should wear their PE Tracksuit on their appointed PE Day.

### **Book Rental/Arts and Crafts Fees**

Many thanks to all the families who have paid the Book Rental and Art & Craft & Pupil Insurance fees to-date. If you still need to pay these fees, a new link for outstanding amounts will be forwarded to you later today.

Kindly note that all **rental books will only be distributed to pupils who have paid** the Book Rental fee.

The Art & Craft fee is essential to ensure your child has sufficient resources in class – photocopying, printing, computers and art & craft materials. We are fully dependent on the fee to provide the best possible education for your child.

### **Junior Infant Registration 2018**

Application forms will be available for **collection only** from the school reception from September 18<sup>th</sup> 2017. Registration will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017. No postal applications will be accepted.

### **Cross Country Trials**

Please note cross country trials will take place during schools hours as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Classes

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### **Health & Safety**

#### • **First Aid**

A First Aid station is set up during break times. If your child has a minor bump to the head, they will be sent to First Aid and receive ice. For minor bumps, we are happy for your child to stay at school and you will receive a text to inform you. If a First Aider decides that it would be better for your child to be sent home, you will receive a phone call.

- **Mobile phones**

Please be advised that the use of mobile phones in school is not allowed. We understand that some children do carry phones and we would like to remind you that they must be switched off and kept in their schoolbags at all times. Children carry mobile phones into school at their own risk.

- School gates open at 8.30 in the morning. Please note that building traffic can access the site up to 8.15am and it is not safe to leave children unsupervised at the school gates in the morning. School personnel are available to supervise in the yards from 8.30 and St.Mochta's National School does not accept responsibility for any children on the premises before this time.
- When arriving and leaving the school, kindly ensure your child walks on the designated paths and does not walk on the grass, climb the trees or mount the fencing. This is for the safety of your child. Many thanks.
- Once children have arrived to school, please be advised that they must stay on the premises and cannot leave until the end of the school day. If your child needs to leave for an appointment during school hours, please call to reception to sign them out.
- Kindly note **dogs are not allowed on any part of the school premises**. Thank you for your co-operation.
- Once children leave school at 2.30pm, they are in the care of their parents/guardians. Please ensure your children walk on the footpaths and cross the roads with our Lollipop Ladies. Children should not walk through the staff car park. Please pay particular attention when crossing the road at the entrance/exit to the staff car park.
- We ask everyone, including pupils, parents and pre-schoolers, who cycles or uses scooters to and from school daily to kindly take note of the following:
  - Please make sure to dismount from bikes/scooters before entering school property
  - Please walk to the bike lock up areas, using the footpaths and not through the carpark
  - It is important that all those who cycle or use scooters wear helmets.