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

13th February 2019

School Closure – Mid Term

School will be closed from 18th February 2019 until Friday 22nd February for the mid-term. Normal school hours apply on Friday 15th February. Please collect your child on time. School will reopen on Monday 25th February at 8.50am.

Look out for changes around the school

As our new building progresses, you will be able to see some changes after the mid-term.

- Over the mid-term, the hoarding on the yard will be moved reducing the yard space. Any yard lines effected have been moved and the classes impacted have already been practicing lining up on their new lines.
- The fencing currently in place on the path leading to the pupil entrance door and out onto the yard will be changed to heras fencing.
- Look out for the colours on the new part of our building – they should be painted shortly!

As ever, thank you for your co-operation and patience while these changes happen around the school.

Internet Safety Talk for Children!

Many thanks to Tara Dromey and Darren Dunwoody from Microsoft and Garda Colm Treacy, who spoke today with children from 1st to 6th classes on Internet Safety. This follows the Internet Safety talk for parents last Wednesday night in the school hall.

The school has received a limited number of booklets giving guidelines on cyberbullying. The booklets are issued by the Office of Internet Safety, Department of Justice and Equality. The booklets are available from the reception area

Health and Safety in the Car Park

When leaving school at 2.20pm and 2.30pm, children are asked to stay on the footpaths around the school. Please remember the paths lead onto the car park. We ask all families to please stay on the designated paths and not to walk in the car park areas.

Sacraments

- Well done to the classes of Ms. Brennan and Ms. Kelly who completed their First Penance and Reconciliation.
- We wish all the boys and girls in the classes of Mr. Brennan and Ms. Reynolds the very best as they prepare for their First Penance and Reconciliation at the end of the week.

Mr. Brennan's class will be tomorrow at 11.00am and Ms. Reynolds will take place on Friday at 12.45pm. Parents are welcome to attend these ceremonies which take place at St. Mochta's Church.

- An e-payment link for €25 towards the cost of the Retreat and the rental of the Confirmation Robes was emailed to the parents/guardians of all Confirmation Candidates. Thank you to those who have paid already. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please pay this fee before the mid-term break. Many thanks.
- We wish our 6th Class Confirmation Candidates all the best as they attend their Retreat Days at the St. Mochta's Parish Centre as follows:-

Monday 25th February Ms. Murphy

Tuesday 26th February Mr. Brown

Monday 4th March Mr. McAdam

Tuesday 5th March Ms. Stewart

Children should come to school as normal and will return to the school before 2.30pm.

If your child is not making their Confirmation, he/she should attend school as normal.

Localise Volunteering for All Award

Thanks to all the boys and girls from 1st to 6th classes who participated in the survey. We are delighted to announce that we have reached our target. Further details will be notified to you in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support.

Question of Funding Letter

Thank you to the many families who have already made a voluntary contribution to the school. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, an email link will be sent home again this afternoon. Many thanks.

Well Done Alex Martin!

Alex represented St. Mochta's National School at the Irish Minor Schools Swimming Competition in the National Aquatic Centre last Sunday and won a bronze medal. He swam in the IM event which comprised of swimming 25 meters of each swimming stroke (including butterfly, back stroke, breast stroke and front crawl). Congratulations Alex!

Chess Club

A new block of chess club will be starting on Tuesdays and Fridays after the midterm. They will run for a six week period from 2:30 until 3:45. If your child wishes to take part, application forms with further information are available from either Mr. Kenny or Mr. Brennan.

Reminders

- Huge thanks to everybody for helping to fill our first Aldi Play Rugby Poster. We have ordered a second poster which should arrive shortly. Please continue to collect the Aldi Play Rugby stickers over the mid-term and hand them to your teacher after the break. The competition runs until 7th April, 2019.

- For your information, the HSE will call to our school from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th February to complete Vision & Hearing Testing for Junior Infants.
- Book week will take place at the school for the week from 4th March. Further details will issue shortly.
- From time to time, we need help from parents to ensure that we can organise activities outside of the school e.g. walking children to/from the church, school tours, etc. We invite parents to become Garda Vetted through the school. Please call into reception for the relevant forms. Garda Vetting can take up to 2 months to process.

Message from the PA

Emer Currie will be running in the next general election. She is doing a constituency-wide survey for parents about issues concerning them in relation to schools, childcare and general parenting. Should you wish to participate, please click on the link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHRH95M>

Community Notices

- Westmanstown Gaels welcomes new players to play football/hurling/camogie. Any boys and girls (from age 5 to 16) interested in joining a club should contact Games Promotion Officer, Declan Jennings, 085-800-6101 for further details. www.westmanstowngaels.ie
- Entrance exams for 6th Class students who will be attending Coolmine Community School will take place on Friday 1st March next. Please contact Coolmine directly for further information if necessary.
- Parents/Guardians of 5th Class students who are interested in Belvedere College should visit the www.belvederecollege.ie. The closing date for applications is 31st March 2019 for entry in September 2020.