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**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

**School Closure for Teacher Training on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

As previously notified, the Department of Education and Skills have issued new updated Child Protection Procedures. To facilitate teacher training on these new procedures, the school will close all day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Thank you.

**World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and all children are invited to dress up as their favourite character or author on the day. Please don't go to any expense and if a child does not want to dress up, they can wear their uniform.

**Book Week 2018**

Book Fair Celtic Travelling Book Fair is coming to our school hall, from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 to celebrate Book Week. The commission from sales at our fair allows us to buy new books for our classrooms. Every book you buy helps us get new books for our school. We look forward to your support again this year. If any parent has the time to help with this event, please contact the PA at [parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie) and please specify day/times that would suit you between 9.00am and 2.30pm Monday & Tuesday and from 9.00am – 3.30pm on Wednesday. Please see attached timetable. Thanking you in advance for your support.

- As per the attached timetable, children will be attending the Book Fair with their own class and can purchase a book directly at their appointed time.
- Advice for parents of Junior Infants  
As this is your child's first time to visit the Book Fair, please take some time to go through the Book Fair leaflet or perhaps visit [www.celtictravellingbooks.com](http://www.celtictravellingbooks.com). It can be helpful to give your child an indication of suitable choices for their age.
- Should you wish to attend the Book Fair with your child, parents of Junior and Senior Infants are invited to the hall at 1.30pm on Wednesday, followed by parents and pupils from 1st to 6th Classes at 2.30pm.
- We will also be sending home book tokens, which they can use to purchase a choice of books selected for Book Week or put towards another book of their own choice. Unfortunately, these tokens cannot be used at the Book Fair in the school.

Thank you to Ms. Leddy and the PA for all their help in co-ordinating Book Week.

**Confirmation**

- The Confirmation Retreat took place yesterday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the Emmaus Centre in Swords. We hope all our Confirmation Candidates enjoyed from the retreat.

The Service of Light Ceremony will take place at St. Mochta's Church at 7.00pm next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

- Thank you to all parents who paid the cost of the retreat and rental charge of the Confirmation Robe. The Parents' Association will be available at the school on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12 noon to distribute the robes.

### **St Mochta's National School Athletes**

We wish all our athletes the very best of luck as they participate in the Fingal Athletics League next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February in Porterstown Park. Many thanks to Mr. Kenny for his work with all our athletes.

### **Peter Pan**

There was a great response to the appeal from the Peter Pan Fundraising Group for parents to volunteer with the bag packing at Dunnes Stores, Blanchardstown, last Saturday. Many thanks for supporting this fundraiser.

### **Tesco Roselawn Community Fund**

If you shop at Tesco, Roselawn, please support our school and drop your blue tokens into our container on the way out. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do the same. Thank you for your participation!

### **Community Notices**

#### **Coolmine Community School**

The entrance assessments for incoming 1<sup>st</sup> years in September 2018 for Coolmine Community School takes place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February next. Please contact Coolmine Community School directly for further information.

#### **Westmanstown Gaels – Easter Camp**

The camp takes place from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 until 6<sup>th</sup> April. To register for the camp, please follow the link [www.westmanstowngaels.com](http://www.westmanstowngaels.com) and select kids camps or, alternatively, ring Declan Jennings on 085-8006101.