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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
28th February 2018

Status Red Weather Alert

As there is a red weather alert for the Dublin area, the school will remain closed today and tomorrow. Further details will be texted/emailed regarding Friday 2nd March, 2018.

School Closure for Teacher Training on Monday 5th 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 5th March 2018.* Thank you.

Book Week 2018

We hope all our children enjoyed their visit to the Celtic Travelling Book Fair so far. For those classes who were unable to attend due to the school closure, alternative arrangements will be made next week – further details will follow.

Confirmation

- All of our Confirmation Candidates participated in the Service of Light Ceremony at St. Mochta's Church last night. Well done to all our children. Many thanks to our teachers – Ms. Mackle, Ms. Fitzgerald, Mr. McAdam and Mr. Mullarkey – for all their work in preparing their students for this occasion. We would also like to acknowledge the work and help of Mary Green. Thank you.
- The Parents' Association will be available at the school on Saturday 10th March from 10am to 12 noon to distribute the confirmation robes.

St. Mochta's National School Athletes

Well done to all our athletes who participated in the Fingal Athletics League yesterday in Porterstown Park. We are very proud of all the children who represented St. Mochta's National School. Many thanks to Mr. Kenny for his work with all our athletes and to the volunteers who walked with the children to the park.

Cycle Safety for Children in 5th Class

Our school is staging a course in cycling safety training run by the Cycling Safety and Skills School for 5th Class pupils. The course starts on Friday 2nd March 2018 and will run on Thursday's for the following 7 weeks during school hours. An email was forwarded directly to parents/guardians of children in 5th Class. A payment link for the amount of €15.00 has also been emailed.

Attendance at School

School starts at 8.50am and all pupils should be in their class on time. Full attendance at school is expected. All absences from school must be explained to your class teacher. Even when these absences are explained, you will receive an automatically generated text message from the school at 10 and 15 days. At 20 days, a letter will be posted to you notifying you that the school is obliged to inform Túsla Educational Welfare Services of the absences. If your child has a medical appointment first thing in the morning but will attend school after the appointment, please inform the teacher in advance. The roll is taken in the morning and your child will be marked absent unless the teacher has been informed.

Road Safety

We were delighted to see the Community Guards outside the school recently. They observed the traffic at various times and are concerned about the dangerous and illegal parking. They have informed us that they will be monitoring the situation regularly.

We appreciate that lack of parking space is a major problem for all parents. However, cars must be parked in a safe, legal and considerate manner. Unfortunately, a number of parents continue to park and block access to/from driveways in local residential areas, and park dangerously close to junctions and entrances to estates. This is both highly inconsiderate towards the residents of these estates and is, in fact, illegal.

The following are extracts from the *Rules of the Road*:

1. A vehicle may not park on **double yellow lines** in any circumstances.
2. A vehicle may not be parked within **5m** of a junction.
3. Vehicles may not be parked near: **a bend**, the brow of a hill, a humped back bridge, **a continuous white line**, where it would obstruct a sign, **at an entrance**, at a bus stop or **opposite another vehicle on a narrow road**.

The Board of Management will have no hesitation in supporting local residents who choose to report drivers who park illegally or trespass on their property. The Board will also support those parents who choose to report instances of dangerous parking that may put the lives of their children at risk.

There is ample parking available at Clonsilla Inn car park which is a short distance from the school. Cars must be parked **properly** in the car park. **Under no circumstances should a car obstruct one of their patrons** or interfere with access.

Peter Pan

We hope everybody is looking forward to our show Peter Pan. We wish all the cast the very best as they have their final rehearsals in preparation of their first performance next Wednesday 7th March at the Draíocht.

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

St. Mochta's Football Club

St. Mochta's Football Club is hosting an EA Sports Cup Match. The Club plays Drogheda United and will take place on Monday 5th March at the club. Kick-off is at 7.45pm. Admission for adults €5.00 and kids are free.

Westmanstown Gaels – Easter Camp

The camp takes place from 3rd April 2018 until 6th April. To register for the camp, please follow the link www.westmanstowngaels.com and select kids camps or, alternatively, ring Declan Jennings on 085-8006101.