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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
6th May 2015

School Self Evaluation Questionnaires

As you are aware we have been participating in our self-evaluation process in numeracy and Literacy since 2012. We obtain valuable information from pupils, parents and teachers to help us with this process. We have identified problem solving and maths language as our areas for improvement in Maths. We have also identified oral language and comprehension strategies as areas for development in literacy. We have been doing lots of work in these areas and hope the children have been telling you all about it! Have a look on our website to see our results from last year and more details on our school improvement plans.

We are again asking you to share your views with us and would be most grateful if you could complete our questionnaire. Please click on the attached link- <http://goo.gl/forms/h1tN2ziu1E>.

If you have more than one child in the school please complete a separate questionnaire for each child. Please note that all individual responses will be treated confidentially. If you are unable to complete the questionnaire online, hard copies are available at reception. Thank you for your support with this.

Holy Communion

We extend our best wishes to all of our children in Ms. Griffin/Ms. Lambert and Ms. Shaw's second classes and their families for a lovely day on Saturday as they celebrate their First Holy Communion Day. We pray that this special sacrament will be a memorable day for everyone. Special thanks to our teachers and SNAs for all their work preparing the children.

Drumcondra Testing Dates

All children from 1st to 6th classes will sit their Drumcondra tests on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th May 2015. Please ensure that your child is present for these important days.

3rd & 4th Class Swimming

The students in 3rd & 4th classes will begin swimming lessons later next week. 3rd classes will be swimming each Thursday and 4th classes will be each Friday. The lessons will run for 6 weeks and will cost €25. A special letter will be sent home with pupils in these classes in the coming days.

Date for your diary! School Closure

Due to the Referendum our school will be closed on Friday, 22nd May 2015.

Absences, Early Departure and Late Arrivals

Absent from school- We kindly ask that you send a note to the class teacher explaining all absences on your child's return. The office does not need to be called, unless it is a contagious illness.

Leaving Early- If children are required to leave school during the day e.g. doctor's appointment, sickness etc... a parent/guardian must sign out their child from the school office. Children are not permitted to leave the school without a parent or guardian.

Late for school- Students arriving late to school, must check into the school office with an adult who signs them in, giving the reason for the late arrival. If your child arrives in after the roll call he/she will be marked absent.



Items for your Attention!

Cancelled Garda Road Safety Talk

The PA talk for parents on Road Safety has been cancelled for Thursday 7th May 2015. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Junior Infants – September 2015

An information meeting for parents of junior infants starting in September 2015 will be held on Monday, 18th May at 7pm in the hall.

LCC Community College

LCC are hosting an open evening this Thursday, 7th May 2015 from 7-9pm. This evening gives parents an opportunity to learn about the education journey for your child in LCC. All are welcome to attend!

Voluntary Contribution

We are still accepting voluntary contributions. We would like to thank all parents who have contributed so far – we are very grateful for any amount we receive. Thank you.

5th Class School Tour

Our 5th Classes will go on their school tour to the Crystal Maze on Thursday, 7th May. We hope they will have an enjoyable day.

We remind all parents that it is important to have your child in school on time for tour days.

Moving House or changing schools

If you are moving house and your child will not be returning to us in the new school year, **it is vital that you make contact the Main Office as soon as possible.** We have a number of children on waiting lists for all classes and we would like to be able to contact these parents as soon as possible.