

Scéalta 36

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

12th June 2019

Set –Down Area

A huge thank you to our volunteer parents who helped us open our Set-Down area yesterday. Please respect their instruction as they try to ensure that the Set-Down area is used in a safe way for our whole school community.

A reminder to all:

- The Pedestrian Gates will be opened at 8.30am, followed by the gates for vehicles.
- On the school building side of the area, parents should just drop their children and go – **please do not leave your vehicle.**
- On the road-side of the area – this parking area is reserved for parents to allow a 5 minute parking time-frame for walking younger children to their lines/classrooms.
- The set-down area will close at 9.00am. Unfortunately, there is an insufficient number of volunteers to open this area at collection times.

Should you be in a position to volunteer with the set-down area, please email

volunteers@stmochtas.ie

School Book Delivery

If you got the opportunity to order your school books through Book Haven by the deadline date of 31st May, your books will be available for collection on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th. Book Haven will have a pop-up shop in our set-down area from 12.00 noon to 3.30pm on both days.

If you have not yet ordered your books, you can still do so. However, you will need to collect the books directly from Book Haven's Shop in Roselawn – please see the note below giving guidelines on how to order your books.

End of Year Report Cards

- School Report Cards will be sent home with your child next Monday 17th June. **Please check your child's school bag for the report.**
- Children in classes from 4th to 6th have taken the new Drumcondra Primary Test in English Reading. You may see differences between your child's results on the new tests and their results on older tests. This is because the norm has changed. Please be mindful that this test is just one method of measuring your child's progress. Attached is a note from the Educational Research Centre to Parents and Guardians giving information on how to interpret the results for the New Drumcondra Primary Testing.
- Please note that no class completed the new Maths Test this year. Only classes from 4th to 6th completed the new Drumcondra Reading Tests. In the coming years, all new tests will gradually be phased in.

Graduation Date – 6th Class

For your diary, kindly note that the Graduation Ceremony will take place on the evening of Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 7.30pm. **Graduates should arrive at 7.10pm**. An email was sent last Friday to all parents/guardians of children in 6th Classes. Due to the high numbers, only the graduate, together with two family members, will be accommodated at this ceremony and reception. The school is not in a position to facilitate other family members. To ensure a safe and enjoyable graduation celebration, please respect this request.

The PA are looking for volunteer parents to help with the reception after the Graduation. It has been a tradition in the past where parents help provide teas, coffees, etc. at the Graduation – remember it will be your child's turn at some stage in the future. If you can give a few hours to help make the Graduation a memorable occasion, please email parentsassociation@stmochtass.ie. Thank you in advance.

Sports Updates

Congratulations to our Hurling Team who had a very strong win at their match in Somerton last Wednesday. The future is very bright for this team. Many thanks to Mr. Brennan and Mr. Kenny for their work with this team.

Contact Details

Please ensure the school is always updated with changes to mobile numbers for parents/guardians & emergency contacts and email addresses. These are the school's methods of communication. Contact school reception (01-8210499) with any changes.

Lost Property

As we are in the final weeks for this academic year, there is a substantial build-up of lost property. Please call in to Reception to see if you can find any items belonging to your child.

Thank You from Trócaire!

A letter, including a special Thank You Certificate, arrived from Trócaire today thanking our school for the very generous donation of €1,842.58. All monies received will help make a positive and lasting difference to the lives of so many families and communities who are living in poverty overseas. Thanks again.

Clothing Collection

Many thanks to the PA and volunteer parents for organising the Clothing Collection last Saturday. Thanks to the many parents who donated clothes.

Helping Others – Message from our PA

As we near the end of another school year if you have any unwanted school backpacks or school stationery in good condition, would you consider donating to Mary's Meals – [The Backpack Project](#). Mary's Meals provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day. Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools. You can support them by donating an empty backpack, a filled backpack or any of the following

individual items (Notepad, Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Eraser, Ruler, Sharpener, Pencil case). If you have any of these items, please bring to the Mary's Meals - The Backpack Project collection on Thursday 27th June after school finishing times. Read more about **Mary's Meals** [here](#). Many Thanks for your support.

Message from our Fundraising Committee - FAI Tickets & Extras bundle sold !!!

We're delighted to tell you that the FAI bundle auctioned on eBay sold for €500 this week. The buyer who wishes to remain anonymous, has also generously donated the jersey back to the school, to be raffled amongst the boys & girls soccer teams. That brings our fundraising efforts to a close. Sincere thanks to all our parents & local community supporters who have helped throughout the year, we couldn't have achieved such fantastic results without you all! Have a great Summer.

Dates for your Diary

13 th June 2019	School Tour for Senior Infants – normal drop-off time. Bus returns to the school at 2.00pm at the Set-Down area.
17 th June 2019	Report Cards will be sent home with children. Please check the school bags.
18 th June 2019	School Tour for 6 th Class
26 th June 2019	Graduation for 6 th Class, starts promptly at 7.30pm School PE Hall Graduates should arrive at 7.10pm
27 th June 2019	6 th Classes will finish at 12.00 noon
28 th June 2019	Summer Holidays: Junior Infants to 2 nd Classes will finish at 11.50am 3 rd Classes to 5 th Classes will finish at 12 noon

General Information – Next Academic Year - 2019/2020

Primary Language Curriculum – Professional Learning Programme for 2019/2020

The Department of Education and Skills has informed the school that there will be one/two day training session(s) provided to all teachers during the first term of school. This means that the school will be closed for one/two school day(s) to facilitate the training. Once the school has been informed by the Department of Education and Skills, all parents and families will be notified of the dates.

Fees for the next Academic Year

From tomorrow, epayment links will be emailed to you so that you can pay these fees at your convenience. ***The fees are due by the end of August 2019, but some parents/guardians may wish to pay the charges earlier.*** The charges requested can be viewed by going on to our website www.stmochtas.ie, select About, Book Lists and click into the appropriate class level book list.

- Book Rental Fees
- Art & Craft and Pupil Insurance Fees – The Art & Craft fee is essential to ensure your child has sufficient resources in class. We use this fee to pay for Art & Craft Materials, photocopying, printing and additional resources. We are fully dependent on this fee to provide the best possible education for your child. The fee also includes pupil insurance.

Children moving from Senior Infants to 1st Class

Boy and girls from 1st to 6th classes have a school tracksuit and a school uniform. The tracksuit is worn on PE Days. The uniform consists of a blue shirt, a navy tie, jumper/cardigan, pinafore/trousers, navy socks and black shoes.

Junior Infant to 5th Classes - Are you moving out of the area?

If you are moving out of the area over the summer and your child will be changing schools, please inform the office as soon as possible. There is an extensive waiting list for all class levels.

Ordering School Books through the school preferred provider www.bookhaven.ie

- Quick Code - for maximum benefit to the school you must enter the relevant quick code
- Discount Code - to avail of a 5% discount for your family

After opening the Book Haven website, the quick code should be entered on the left hand-side.

Quick Codes:

Junior Infants	awj2ji
Senior Infants	awj2si
1 st Class	awj21c
2 nd Class	awj22c
3 rd Class	awj23c
4 th Class	awj24c
5 th Class	awj25c
6 th Class	awj26c

When you have selected all your books go to the cart. Before paying, don't forget to enter the discount code **SMFVE** to avail of the 5% discount on books. Orders can be made online anytime over the summer (*ensure you use the dedicated quickcode to get your 5% discount and a rebate for the school*) with free collection from the Book Haven store in Roselawn, or home delivery for a small fee.

Community Notices

- Westmanstown Gaels GAA are running a Summer Camp for children aged 5 to 13 years from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August. The camp runs from 10.00am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday and the cost is €60 per child. Camp fees can be paid online at <https://payments.gardawestmanstowngaels.com/>
- Scoil Oilibhéir, will be running a Gaelchampa from 1st to the 12th July, from 10am to 2.30pm. For further details click www.gaelchampa.com or email gaelchampa.scoilolibheir@gmail.com.
- Scholastic Books are having a Dublin Warehouse Sale – €1 books on Thursday 13th June from 8.00am to 6.00pm at Scholastic Unit 89E, Lagan Road, Dublin Industrial Estate, Glasnevin, Dublin 11.

- Parks Tennis Summer Camps for boys and girls take place during the month of July. This programme is subsidised by Fingal County Council and is great value. For further information visit www.parkstennis.com, or call 8338711.