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News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community 19th September 2018

Build Update

The floor to the next Phase of our new school – 16 classrooms - will be starting tomorrow as the builders start pouring concrete on the foundations. This is a very exciting time and very soon, children will start to see the pre-cast concrete walls being delivered and put together.

Arrangements are currently in place to ensure that no deliveries are made to the building site during the school drop off and collection times. However, **tomorrow Thursday 20th will be an exception. Deliveries of concrete will be made throughout the school day to the site entrance on the Porterstown Road.**

Please be extra vigilant on Thursday when bringing and collecting children from school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this very important matter.

'Strictly St. Mochta's' Update

Well done to our Fundraising Committee for organising the launch of our Strictly Fundraiser last Friday night. All was revealed at the Clonsilla Inn and dancing partners were announced. It was a great occasion and well supported by our school community. Over the next few weeks, dancers will practice each week.

A reminder that all monies raised from this fundraiser will be used towards our new school, e.g. play space for all our children. We ask all parents, guardians, family and friends to support this event. Put **Friday 16th November 2018** in your diary now! The event will take place in Westmanstown and further details on tickets will follow shortly.

If you have a contact in a company who would provide some sponsorship towards this event, please email our Fundraising Committee at stmochtasfundraising@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Junior Infant Registration 2019

Junior Infant Applications are now available to collect from the office. **Registration will take place on 15th, 16th and 17th October, 2018.** No postal applications will be accepted.

Sports Updates

- Hard luck to our Boys Football Team who lost out to Bayside National School last week. Best of luck to the team as they play Sacred Heart, Ballygall tomorrow. Thanks to Mr. Boner for organising the team.
- Congratulations to our Girls Football Team who won their match against Divine Mercy. Many thanks to Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Egan and Ms. Reilly for their work with the team.

Transport to School Matches

In the past few years, when home matches were in our home ground at Somerton, parents have been very kind and have transported the team to the matches. When we hire buses, the cost is enormous and the children are asked to donate a small amount of money towards the cost of the bus. However, there is a large deficit and the school has to cover this cost. This is the reason that we

tried to limit using buses but unfortunately this year, we did not have enough volunteer drivers. Thank you for your contributing support!

Dropping/Collecting Children to School

- Gates to our school are open from 8.30am. Please do not allow children to arrive to school before this time. When queuing outside the school, please queue along the school wall/railings towards the Porterstown Road. Supervision is available on the yard until 8.50am.
- When you arrive on the yard with your child, we ask parents/guardians to leave the yards immediately. We have implemented a one-way system in the interest of health and safety, and congestion can be caused if parents/guardians linger too long. It can also be upsetting for your child or other children. In our experience, it is better for parents/guardians to leave immediately. Thank you for your support.
- Please allow enough time for your child to arrive safely to school by 8.50am. Once the bell goes at this time, the Pupil Entrance Door will be locked. If your child arrives to school after 8.50am, they will need to wait in the school reception. Once all pupils have been brought to their classes from their lines, staff will be available to bring late children to class. This may take some time and we ask you to please be patient while you wait with your child.
- Before the gates open at 1.30pm, we ask parents/guardians to queue along the railings and down the Porterstown Road. This ensures enough path-space for other members of our community using the path on the Clonsilla Road.

Dental Contact Forms – 2nd, 4th & 6th Classes

Dental Contact Forms have been collected by the HSE. For anyone who did not get the form back to the school on time, please send them directly to the HSE Clinic, Roselawn Rd, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Please mark them for the attention of Jessica Rice.

Book Rental, Art, Craft & Pupil Insurance Fees

Many thanks to everybody who has paid these fees so far. If you have not had an opportunity to pay them yet, please do so by the end of September. If you have any difficulty paying the fees, please feel free to speak with Ms. Farrell or Ms. O'Boyce directly.

Action Care Plan

Action Care Plan letters will be sent home with children on Thursday 20th September 2018. Please check your child's school bag. Please update the form and return it to the school office by Monday. If your child did not receive a form and has a medical condition, please contact the office at 01-8210499. Many thanks.

Attendance at School

Our school Attendance Policy is available for viewing on the www.stmochtas.ie. A reminder that Planned Absence Forms are no longer available. The school cannot give permission for holiday absences during term time because it is the duty of each parent to ensure that their child attends school on every day that school is open, unless there is an exceptional circumstance that prevents attendance. Should you need to take a child out of school, please write directly to Ms. Farrell, Principal.

The school is obliged to report all absences in excess of 20 days to the Educational Welfare Services, TUSLA (Child and Family Agency).

Lost Property

There are a few items in our Lost Property area already. Please label all your children's jumpers, jackets, etc. If you are missing any items, please call to the school reception.

Community Messages

- **This year's St. Mochta's Parish Picnic Funday will be held on Saturday 29th September so gather friends and family for some great summers day fun.** Thanks to the generosity of Luttrellstown Castle & Golf Club, St. Mochta's Family Funday will be held once again in the grounds of the Castle which proved so successful last year. It is a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. So mark the date in your diary now. The day starts at 12 noon and runs till 7 pm. Admission €10 per family/car. Tickets are available from the Parish Pastoral Centre which covers admittance, raffle and live entertainment all day.

Some of the events include: Live Entertainment All Day, Marketplace – new, old, fun and fresh – everything goes! Vintage Car Rally, Old Style Carnival & Amusements, Archery, Pony Rides, BBQ & Bar, Face Painting - Bouncy Castles - Toddler Play Area, Bonny Baby Competition, Local GAA, Soccer and Rugby Clubs running Sports workshops.

Please see the attached flyer!

- **Coolmine Community School** – will have an Open Evening on Thursday 4th October 2018 at 7.30pm.
- **St. Vincent's Castleknock College** will hold an open night on Thursday 27th September. All boys in 5th Class only are welcome to attend with a maximum of 2 guests to accompany them. Those who wish to attend must register their interest no later than Monday 24th September by following this link [St Vincents Castleknock College Open Night](#)
- **St. Declan's College**, Nephin Road, Cabra, is now accepting applications for children in 6th Class. Applications must be in before the 30th September 2018. Please contact the school directly for further information.
- **St. Mochta's Football Club** - The Super Saints Academy train every Saturday from now until December. The Academy gives children their first taste of football in a non-competitive and friendly environment. All new players are more than welcome. Training takes place at St. Mochta's Football Club pitches as follows:
 - 4 & 5 year olds: 9.45am to 11.00am
 - 6 year olds: 11.00am to 12.15pm