

Scéalta 4
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
20th September 2017

Build Update

We hope you are enjoying viewing the progress of our new school build. The walls can be seen over the hoarding and the builders are making very good progress. It is very exciting to be able to see school being built before our eyes. Please click on the links below to see the most up-to-date photographs of the build.

www.facebook.com/St-Mochtas-School-Build-Action-Group-1660976074192458/
twitter.com/stmochtasns_bag?lang=en

Please note, once your child leaves the school at 1.30pm or 2.30pm, your child is in your care. We ask you to be extra vigilant with your child on the grounds and on the roads around the school.

Do you have interior design expertise?

The Board of Management is looking for any parents/guardians with interior design knowledge. If you have skills or expertise in this area and would be willing to give some time to assist the Board with the interior design of the new school, please email st_mochtas@eircom.net. Many thanks in advance.

Junior Infants 2018

Application forms for Junior Infants starting in September 2018 are available now for collection. Registration will take place on **16th, 17th & 18th October 2017**. Please call into the office to pick up a form. No postal applications will be accepted.

Current Junior Infants

A Junior Infant Curriculum Meeting will take place for all parents of our current junior infants. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend this meeting in the PE Hall on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 9.00am. For your information, the meeting will conclude at approximately 10.00am.

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2018

Registration for families who wish their children to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be taking place in St Mochta's Pastoral Centre for St. Mochta's, St Patrick's NS and Scoil Choilm.

First Holy Communion:

Registration Monday or Tuesday **2nd or 3rd of October, 2017** between 5.30 and 7pm.

Confirmation:-

Registration will take place on Monday or Tuesday **9th and 10th October**, between 5.30 and 7pm.

Please note:

- 1. If your child was baptised in St Mochta's Church**, you will be required to fill out full details of the Baptism on the Registration Form. If you have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate at hand please bring it along with you to Registration.
- 2. For children baptised outside of St Mochta's Church**, a Baptismal Certificate **must be presented with the registration form** before your child can be enrolled on the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme. Baptismal Certificates will be returned at the Registration evening.

Registration without Baptismal Certificates or Late registrations will NOT be accepted.

If you require further information or wish to discuss any aspect of receiving the Sacraments please **contact Fr Paul Ward or Mary Greene at the Pastoral Centre on (01) 8213218.**

Book Rental/Art, Craft & Pupil Insurance Fees

Thanks again to all families who have paid these fees. Kindly note that all rental books will only be distributed to pupils who have paid the book rental fee. A link for outstanding amounts will be forwarded by email towards the end of the week.

Garda Vetting

Under Child Protection Guidelines, volunteers in a school require Garda Vetting. We would like to invite all our parents/guardians who would like to volunteer for various activities throughout the school year to become Garda Vetted. Garda Vetting Forms are available from school reception. If you have any queries please speak directly with Ms. Farrell. We thank you in advance for your support with this very important matter.

Bike Shed

The Bike Shed in front of the main school building is closed temporarily until Monday 25th September. Children are welcome to park their bikes at the bike racks in front of Ms. Ní Mhaicín's prefab between Gate 3 and Gate 2.

Birthday Invitations

We ask you to refrain from distributing birthday invitations at school on behalf of your child. It can be very upsetting for the children who do not receive an invite!

Safety

With the dark mornings & short evenings coming in, it is a good idea to speak to your children about keeping safe when walking to and from school. Speak with them about stranger danger. Encourage them to walk in groups.

Sport Updates

- The girls GAA Team play against Scoil Bhríde GN at Na Fianna GAA Club this afternoon. We wish them the very best of luck.
- The boys GAA Team play Scoil Eoin Bosco at Oliver Plunkets GAA Club tomorrow afternoon. We wish the team the very best of luck also.

Special thanks to Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Reilly, Ms. Fitzgerald, Mr. Boner and Mr. Brennan for all of their work with the teams.

Coolmine Community School – date for your diary

An Open Evening for 6th class students and their parents will take place on 5th October 2017 at 7.30pm. Registration is on Monday 9th 4-5pm for Automatic students and Tuesday 10th 4-5pm for all other students.

Parent Association Messages

Liberty Clothing Collection

There will be a clothing collection on **Saturday 14th October**. Clothing bags will be distributed to all pupils in early October and filled bags can be dropped to the school between 11-2pm on Sat 14th October.

Dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 26th October 7.30pm** - there will be a talk on 'Supporting Parents to Support their Children's Mental Health and Well-being'. All parents are welcome to attend this talk which will be held in the school hall
- **Sunday 3rd December** will be the date for our 'annual festive fair'. Further details will follow in due course

Any new members are welcome to join our committee and our next meeting will be held on Weds 11th October. For further information or to contact the PA in relation to any issues, please email parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie