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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
12th October 2016

School Build Update

Great news!

We have been informed by the Department of Education that St Mochta's National School has been approved to proceed to tender. We will receive formal confirmation of this from the Department in the coming days.

We also received confirmation from the Department that all 3 applications submitted last week for fee uplift have been approved in full. This includes our architect, our quantity surveyor and our health and safety consultants.

However we are continuing to work with our engineers to get their application ready to go to the Department. Their application is a little more complex and technical and relates to many recent changes in structural engineering regulations so has taken more time. We hope to be in a position to get this to the Department today. Until this has been approved, we will not be going out to tender.

Suffice to say that this announcement is great news for the whole school community and credit to all who have been involved over the past number of weeks.

School Closure – Friday 18th November

Please note the school will be closed to facilitate a training day for teachers on the New Primary Language Curriculum for Primary Schools.

Junior Infant Registration 2017

Registration will take place on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October 2016 from 10.00am to 12 noon. An evening registration will take place on Monday 17th from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Application forms are available for collection only from the school reception. Any applications received after these dates will be considered late.

Maths Week

Next week is 'Maths Week' in our school. There are a lot of exciting things planned. More details next week.

All pupils are asked to enter the **Maths Eyes Poster Competition** and the winners entries will be displayed in school reception after the competition. Teachers will give details to the pupils.

For parents wishing to support their children's maths development, Dublin West Education Centre is holding a "Maths Week Workshop for Parents" on Tuesday 18th October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm. To participate, please email, your name, school and mobile number to reception@dwec.ie. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

School Choir

Our school choir will present Christmas Favourites -a concert, in December. Choir practice will take place on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays. The next practice is tomorrow Thursday 13th October. Children can be collected at 4.30pm.

Junior Infants Vaccination

Well done to all our brave children who received their vaccinations today.

Health & Safety

- When arriving and leaving the school, kindly ensure your child does not walk on the walls, climb the trees, mount the railings or walk inside the school wall. This is for the safety of your child. Many thanks.
- Once children have arrived to school, please be advised that they must stay on the premises and cannot leave until the end of the school day.
- Kindly note dogs are not allowed on any part of the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.
- We ask everyone, including pupils, parents and pre-schoolers, who cycles or uses scooters to and from school daily to kindly take note of the following:
 - Please make sure to dismount from bikes/scooters before entering school property
 - Please walk to the bike lock up areas, using the footpaths and not through the carpark
 - It is important that all those who cycle or use scooters wear helmets.

Important Notice - Wet Mornings

We have updated our procedures with regard to Wet Mornings.

- All children from Junior Infants to 4th Class should enter the school through Gate 1 (as you look at the school, this gate will be on your left hand side).
- 3rd and 4th Classes should walk through St. Mary's Corridor and directly into their classes.
- Junior, Senior, 1st and 2nd Classes should walk through St. Mary's Corridor and line up in the School PE Hall.

Kindly note:

- On wet mornings, Gate 2 will remain closed.
- Once you (parents/guardians) have brought your child to the hall, **please leave immediately** through the main Reception doors as it is a Health & Safety issue to have too many people gathered in the hall.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this new system.

Garda Vetting

Under Child Protection Guidelines, volunteers in a school require Garda Vetting. We would like to invite all our volunteers 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.

Rainbows

A peer support group for children from 1st to 6th class who have experienced a bereavement or separation will commence Tuesday, 18th October in St. Mochta's Pastoral Centre at 3.30pm. Rainbows is a **secular (non-religious)** programme. If you believe your child or children would benefit from this programme, please contact rainbowsstmochtas@gmail.com. More info available on www.rainbowsireland.com

Headlice

There have been a number of reported cases of head lice in our school recently and your child may have been exposed. We bring this to your attention because head lice can spread rapidly within a school unless all affected children are promptly treated.

It is important that if you receive an email from us stating that head lice is in your child's class, we ask that you check your child's hair and treat accordingly. If you are using a spray on your child's hair, it's a good idea to also spray their coat.

Thank you for giving this your attention. Your family doctor or chemist will be able to answer any further questions that you might have concerning head lice and the available treatments.

Message from the PA

Thank you to the parents who attended the AGM for the Parents' Association meeting last night. We have elected a new committee and are busy preparing for the Xmas Fair which will take place on 27th November this year. If you would like to add your name to the volunteer's list, please email the PA at

parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie.

Upcoming Sacramental Meetings

- The 1st Parents Meeting for Confirmation candidates takes place in St. Mochta's Church at 8pm on Monday 24th October.
- 2nd Class First Communion pupils will be attending Mass at 10am on Tuesday 25th October. After Mass, the students will receive a tour of the Church.

Mid-Term Break

School will close at normal times on Friday 28th October next for our mid-term break. The school will remain closed for a week until Monday 7th November 2016.