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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
21st October 2015

New Build Email – Final Drive!

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to email the local Ministers and TDs on our behalf. Let's hope St. Mochta's National School's name will appear on the list of schools that will be approved to be built in the next 5 years. We are re-sending the email to you so if you have not yet emailed, please do so as soon as possible. We need to ensure St. Mochta's is on the next list.

Mid Term

School will finish at the usual times of 1.30pm and 2.30pm for all children this Friday, 23rd October. The school will be closed for one week from 26 to 30th October for mid-term. We hope all our families have a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you Monday 2nd November.

Friday 23rd October

- Children from **Junior Infants to 1st Class** are invited to come to school in Fancy Dress (optional). **No hand held implements please. Children in Infants to First who don't want to wear fancy dress can opt for No School Uniform instead. Please do not go to any unnecessary expense!**
- For children from 2nd to 6th Classes, Friday 23rd will be a non-uniform day.
- Teachers will organise a 'fruit party' with their class. We kindly remind you to refrain from sending nuts into school as we have children in our school with **severe** nut allergies.

Maths Week Winners - Please look to page 2 for all the details!

Book Reading

Ms Naughton's 6th class were treated to a book reading by an author and actor Chris O' Dowd and Nick Murphy in Liberty Hall last Wednesday, 14th of October. The pupils enjoyed this experience greatly. Thanks to Jackie Lynam from Dublin UNESCO City of Literature Office for arranging this.

AGM

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parents' Association AGM last Thursday. Congratulations to Fiona McCann and Aine Ryan who are the new joint co-chairpersons of the Parents' Association. We wish them and their new committee every success for the new term. Thank you very much to every member of the outgoing committee for your time and dedication to St. Mochta's. Two parents – Valerie Haslam and Liam O'Connor – were nominated to represent parents on the Board of Management. We wish them well during their term over the next four years.

New Bike Racks

Many thanks to our Parents' Association for organising the much needed new bike racks available for use beside Mr. Boner's room (St. Patrick's Extension). We would like to encourage all pupils in 4th, 5th and 6th classes to park their bikes in this new allocated area.

Increase in Traffic Complaints

There has been an increase in complaints made by local residents to our school office about the carelessness and disrespect some parents/guardians who are collecting children are showing our neighbours in Limelawn. Car driveways are being blocked and driveways are being used as a turning spots and in one case as a parking spot. We kindly remind you to park out of consideration for our neighbours or, alternatively, please use the Clonsilla Inn car park at drop off and collection times. All incidents are being reported to the Gardai. Many thanks.



Items for your Attention!

Class Calendars

Photos of each class will be taken on Thursday 22nd for the Christmas Class Calendars.

Christmas Card Orders

Class Christmas Cards includes your child's artwork making them ideal for sending to family and friends this Christmas, while at the same time raising some funds for our children. The proof of your child's card and order envelopes went home already, please check your child's bag. Orders should be returned by Friday 23rd October.

Sacramental Preparation

These programmes (dates of upcoming meetings listed below) are in depth and are an important part of the preparation for parents in preparing their child to receive the Sacraments. It is important that at least one parent should attend. If you **cannot** attend please email Mary Greene pastoralcare@stmochtasparish.ie or phone the Parish Office on 018213218. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

- The First 'Candidates and Parents' Preparation meeting for **CONFIRMATION** will take place on **Monday, 2nd November at 8pm** both in **St. Mochta's Parish Church**.
- The First Parents' Preparation meeting for **HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on **Thursday, 5th November at 8pm and it's for Parents only**.
- Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November – further details to follow shortly.
- HSE Vision & Hearing testing will take place on December 1st to December 4th for children in Junior and Senior Infants.