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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
18th March 2020

School Closure

We hope all families are keeping well and staying safe in these challenging times. Please follow all the guidelines set out by the HSE – for updates from the Department of Education and Skills, please click on the following [Link to the DES updates on COVID-19](#).

In a statement issued by the Department of Education and Skills last Thursday, in order to minimise the impact on teaching and learning, all schools were asked to plan work for children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their work last Thursday. There was only a short period of time from the announcement to the end of school. In this time, there was a tremendous amount of work completed by all staff to ensure children went home with their books and work.

It is expected that children will complete the work that teachers have assigned. We will continue to communicate with you over the coming weeks. Thank you for your full co-operation.

If you have a need to contact the school, please email info@stmochtas.ie. This email will be monitored from time to time.

Honk!

The cast of Honk staged two performances out of six last week. Those who were fortunate to attend the first performances were treated to a wonderful show. The cast were amazing and it was wonderful to see their talents shine on stage. We are very disappointed that the last four shows had to be cancelled. In the meantime, we would like to say thank you to everybody involved. There are far too many people to mention, but you know who you are. However, I would like to acknowledge all the work Mr. Cryan put into preparing the children for the show. He is a very talented man himself and his ability to bring out the best in our children. Thank you Mr. Cryan.

On another note, once school returns, we look forward to having our raffle for Honk! There are lots of lovely prizes and we wish all children who bought tickets the very best of luck.

Confirmation

Unfortunately, our Confirmation Ceremony, scheduled for the 30th March 2020 has been cancelled. We will be in touch once future arrangements have been made.

Aladdin Connect - App for St. Mochta's National School!

Last Friday, you will have received a link from the school requesting you to register for our new school App – Aladdin Connect. Many thanks to all parents/guardians who have done so already. We are requesting all parents/guardians to do so. As mentioned previously, this will be the main way we communicate with families going forward.

One of the big advantages of Connect is that you can update changes to addresses or mobile numbers. Please note that once you amend information, the change request needs to be accepted by the school before the database is updated. So if you do not see the information change immediately, please do not be concerned.

Official Opening

Preparations were underway for the official opening of our new school building on 2nd April. This event has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Illness in School

There have been further cases of Slapped Cheek Syndrome and Chicken Pox within the school. Please click on the link to find out additional information.95.6 [HSE Guidelines on Slapped Cheek Syndrome](#) and [HSE Guidelines on Chicken Pox](#).

Look after yourselves and stay safe.