



School Newsletter

Monday 25 September 2017

Dear Parents,

We would like to remind parents that smoking is strictly prohibited anywhere on school grounds and at the gate.

Medical Conditions & Allergies

Please ensure that the school is informed and kept up to date regarding medical conditions or allergies that your child may have. It is important that you bring this to the Attention of the teacher at the curriculum meeting. We also have to alert the kitchens to any child who has specific allergies with regards to food. There will be a letter which must be filed out by you at the curriculum meetings. If you are not attending the curriculum meetings it is vitally important that you let the office know if there are allergies we should be made aware of so we can update our data.

Photographs

From time to time we may use your child's photograph either on our website or throughout the school etc. It is the responsibility of parents to inform us which areas they do not want their child's photo used. (A full list is available from the office).

Dinner Money

Some parents are sending dinner money in every day or on various days throughout the week. The handling of money can be very time consuming for both teacher's and Mrs Fox, therefore we would like to remind parents that dinner money should be paid on a Monday only regardless of which day you are paying for. A copy of the menu is available on the website or from the office.

Lunch arrangements

Over the last few weeks some children have been going to dinners but have not informed their teacher beforehand. Our meals are ordered every morning as they come from another school, therefore it is very important that the numbers are accurate so that meals are not short. Please remind your child to tell the teacher when they are going to dinners.

School Closure - 29th September

A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 29th September to accommodate essential staff training.

P1 Curriculum Meeting

We are trying to give parents as much information as possible regarding our plans for the year. P1 Parents will have a chance to meet with the teachers later in October for a settling in meeting which will be a one to one with the class teacher and we will discuss the baseline information and general observations and share information between the school and home which may be of help to us in ensuring transition is as smooth as possible. The P1 Curriculum meeting will take place this **Thursday 28th September at 1.15pm in the classroom. We encourage all parents to attend.**

P2-P6 Curriculum Meetings/ P7 Transfer

The P2-P3 curriculum meetings will take place on **Tuesday 3rd October at 1.15pm in the classroom.** P4-P6 will have their curriculum meetings at **2.15pm on 3rd October** also in the classrooms. These meetings are important as they allow us to advise parents on the educational plans for the year ahead. It also allows parents to ask important questions. We look forward to seeing you then. There will be no meeting for P7 pupils at this time but Mr O'Doherty will be holding a final meeting with any parents whose child is taking part in the Transfer tests in November. This will take place in Mr Kilpatrick's room **at 6.00pm on Wednesday 4th October.**

Mass for the Beginning of the School Year

The mass to mark the beginning of the academic year will take place this Wednesday 27th September in the church at the 9.30am mass. All parents of our P3-P7 pupils are welcome to join us in this celebration.

Parents Association

The first meeting of the year for our Parents' Association will take place in the school on Wednesday 11th October at 7.00pm. This group of parents fulfil such an important role for us and already there are so many events which we are planning. We would love to see new members join us and have an input into the work of the group. The first pupil disco of the year will take place on 27th October (the last night before half term), 6.00pm-7.00pm for P1-P3 and 7.15pm-8.30pm for P4-P7. We encourage all our pupils and parents to support the school in all our ventures in the coming year.

Breakfast Club/Fun Club

There are now great numbers supporting the breakfast club and fun club but we have room for more. We have extended the school day for all our pupils to help especially the working parents. There are still a lot of places for the 4.00pm-5.00pm slots each day. We would encourage as many as possible to make use of this really cheap alternative to after school care. **Breakfast Club costs £1 per day and should be paid each day.**

Break the Rules

We will be having a special day of fundraising through our annual 'Break The Rules Day' on the week commencing 16th October. Please help us raise much needed funds for resources through this sponsorship.

Temporary Post – School Meals Assistant

There is currently a temporary post in the school meals kitchen, Monday-Friday 11.45am-2.00pm. Experience is preferred. Any-one interested should contact Janet (Good Shepherd Kitchen) on 90620337.