



October Newsletter 2021

October 12th 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome

We welcome the following new teachers; Mr Diarmuid Roche, Ms Robyn Barlow and Ms. Karina Connolly who have all us during the past few weeks. Diarmuid, Robyn and Karina join our Special Education Team.

Covid -19 Return to School Reminders

I want to thank all parents, guardians and pupils who have helped to make our return to school safe and a positive experience for us all.

We ask again that you do not drive past the Glenbourne/ Glencairn junction if you are coming to school by car. Many parents are helping by parking in the Dunnes Stores car-park and walking the short two minute journey to the school gate. The additional space allows parents and pupils exercise social distancing when at or around the school entrance. Please do not park in front of driveways. Our local residents must be allowed to enter and exit their homes safely and without hindrance.

Please do not assemble at the school entrance and allow as much space for the assembly period for all pupils to safely approach and enter the school grounds.

There is a growing issue with crowding in the school yard in the morning. **Only pupils starting school at 8.40 a.m. should enter the school yard before 8.40a.m. If siblings start at different times, the entire family come to the yard for the later start.**

A reminder that parents of 1st and 2nd class pupils should only enter the school when your child's class has lined up for collection. Again, crowding in the yard at this time is a concern.

All parents should wear masks at drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Mid-Term Break

Holy Trinity National School will be closed from October 25th – 29th inclusive for mid-term break

Congratulations

Olympian, 2018 World Cup silver medallist and 1st Class teacher Hannah Matthews has confirmed her retirement from international hockey after racking up **157 Ireland caps**. Since making her debut in 2014, Hannah has been one of the first names on the Irish team sheet, being an ever-present at each major tournament during that time. Well done to Hannah on all her achievements.

Lost Property Display

Over the past few weeks, more and more articles and school-wear have been sent to the lost property area. On Friday afternoon all of the lost property will be displayed at the front of the school between 1.15 and 2.30 p.m. Parents may retrieve lost items during this time.

Once names are written clearly on labels, items can be returned to owners quickly and stress can be avoided.

First Holy Communion –Fourth Class

On Saturday last, forty eight pupils in our Fourth Classes celebrated their First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church, Sandyford. Congratulations to all the boys and girls. Thanks to the Parent Association for the hospitality provided on Monday in the school hall.

Halloween Dress-Up

On Friday October 22nd, all pupils and staff are invited to dress up for Halloween. A donation of €2 is requested. The funds will go towards the replacement of seven pupil i-pad devices. Pupils may dress up if they wish. We encourage pupils to be creative and see what can be made at home.



Coats.

We have been blessed for the past seven weeks with summer-like weather. The weather will get colder as we head into the mid-term break and beyond. Please ensure your child wears a coat to school every day.

Pupils may need additional layers during the winter months. Pupils may wear fleeces or jackets in the classroom if feeling cold.

CO2 Monitors.

We have CO2 monitors positioned in many classrooms around the school. We haven't had any concerns in this area and we will monitor closely as we head into the winter

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/ Teacher meetings will take place over a two week period from November 15th until November 26th. Schools have been advised to keep these meetings virtual. Meetings will take place in the afternoon. We will give further details on how you can make appointments following our return to school on November 1st

Beir Bua 's Beannacht,

James Tobin

Principal