

Scéalta 13
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
30th November 2016

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone for supporting another great Christmas Fair in St.Mochta's. It was a wonderful success and an amazing day out for everyone. Special thanks to our P.A. for their fantastic work in making the fair so special. We are so lucky to have such a great P.A. in our school.

St. Mochta's National School Choir

The school choir present ***When Christmas Comes to Town*** in St. Mochta's Parish Church on Thursday 8th December at 8.00pm. Tickets are available from the School Reception , €10.00 for adults and €5.00 for children. Come along and get in the Christmas mood!

Parking

The Gardaí and local residents have again approached the school regarding the issue of **dangerous** and **illegal parking**. We appreciate that lack of parking space is a major problem for all parents. However, cars must be parked in a safe, legal and considerate manner.

Unfortunately, a number of parents continue to park and block access to/from driveways, and park dangerously close to junctions and entrances to estates. This is both highly inconsiderate towards the residents of these estates and is, in fact, illegal.

The following are extracts from the *Rules of the Road*:

1. A vehicle may not park on **double yellow lines** in any circumstances.
2. A vehicle may not be parked within **5m** of a junction.
3. Vehicles may not be parked near: **a bend**, the brow of a hill, a humped back bridge, **a continuous white line**, where it would obstruct a sign, **at an entrance**, at a bus stop or **opposite another vehicle on a narrow road**.

The Board of Management will have no hesitation in supporting local residents who choose to report drivers who park illegally or trespass on their property. The Board will also support those parents who choose to report instances of dangerous parking that may put the lives of their children at risk.

There is ample parking available at Clonsilla Inn car park which is a short distance from the school. Cars must be parked **properly** in the car park. **Under no circumstances should a car obstruct one of their patrons** or interfere with access.

Guess the Jar

Congratulations to our two winners who guessed the correct number of Sweets in the Jar – 209! The winners were Sadhbh Murphy in Ms. Lambert/Ms. Keane's 3rd class and Sam Feeley in Ms. Toland's 1st class. There were so many close guesses that we had 10 runners up who each received a selection box. Don't eat them all in one go!

Sam Maguire Visit

Class photos with Sam Maguire are available to buy from the student council until Thursday. It's a great memento of the Dublin win at only €2.00 per photo. Photos will be delivered to the classrooms on Friday.

Class Calendars

Photos for the class calendars will take place this Friday 2nd December. Please ensure children wear their full school uniform. Further details on the sale of the calendars will follow shortly.

Funding Letter

This letter, appealing for help with school funds, was sent home recently by email. We are very grateful for all contributions received so far. Every contribution counts and whatever you can send in is really very much appreciated. Thank you.

Food Dudes

The Food Dudes Healthy Eating programme is continuing this week. A letter went home with the children last week. For further information please see the website www.fooddudes.ie. Thanks to Mr. Boner for organising this.

Confirmation Enrolment

Well done to the children who participated at the Enrolment Ceremony on Monday night. It was a lovely evening and we wish to thank the children and their teachers – Mr. Terry, Ms. Cummins, Mr. Brennan and Mr. McAdam for all their hard work in preparation for the evening.

HSE

Hearing and Vision tests took place yesterday for two Senior Infant classes, Ms. Kane and Ms. Considine. The second day of testing was cancelled and will be rescheduled. We don't yet have a date for this, but we will let you know as soon as this information is available.

Collecting children for Appointments

Please note times below when children are playing in the yard.

All classes: -	10.30am to 10.40am
3rd – 6th Classes: -	12.00 noon to 12.30pm
Jr. Infants – 2nd Classes: -	12.35pm to 1.05pm

Should you need to collect children for appointments during school, please avoid these times as you may have to wait until pupils are back in their classes.