

# Scéalta 3

## News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Health & Safety

You will all have received an email on Monday regarding our Set Down procedures. It is important that all parents, guardians and children follow the rules to ensure the health and safety of all. Whether it is raining or not, the rules are the same.

- The area opens at 8.30am – avoid arriving before this time to prevent clogging up the Porterstown Road.
- Drop-off only alongside the building
- Short-term Parking is to the left of the set down area.
- Pedestrians should only walk on the designated paths.

### PLEASE FOLLOW THESE RULES!

### Traffic Wardens

Please respect our Traffic Wardens who do a very important job everyday helping to keep your children safe as they cross the busy roads. Please do not ignore them as they do their job whether you are walking or driving to school. If the Traffic Wardens ask you to stop and wait, please do so and we would encourage everyone to speak to their children about road safety and the important job that the Traffic Wardens do ensuring our safety to and from school every day.

### Arriving to School on Time

Please allow enough time for your child to arrive safely to school by 8.50am. Once the bell goes at this time, the Pupil Entrance Door will be locked. If your child arrives to school after 8.50am, they will need to wait in the school reception. Once all pupils have been brought to their classes from their lines, staff will be available to bring late children to class. This may take some time and we ask you to please be patient while you wait with your child.

### Book Rental/Arts and Crafts Fees

Many thanks to all the families who have paid the Book Rental and Art & Craft & Pupil Insurance fees to-date. If you still need to pay these fees, a new link for outstanding amounts will be forwarded to you later today.

Kindly note that all rental books will only be distributed to pupils who have paid the Book Rental fee.

The Art & Craft fee is essential to ensure your child has sufficient resources in class – homework journals, photocopying, printing, computers and art & craft materials. We are fully dependent on the fee to provide the best possible education for your child.

### Primary Language Curriculum – Professional Learning Programme for 2019/2020

The Department of Education and Skills has informed the school that there will be a one day training session provided to all teachers at St. Mochta's National School. The date has been confirmed and will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019. There will be no school for children on this day. Please keep a note for your records.

### Hearing & Vision and MMR Vaccination Forms – Junior Infants

Today is the last day for returning the HSE Forms for Hearing & Vision and MMR Vaccination Forms. The HSE will be collecting all returned forms first thing tomorrow morning.

### PE Timetable

For your information, please find attached the PE Timetable.

## **Board of Management**

The current Board of Management will soon complete its term. We will be seeking new parent nominees, one male, one female, to the new Board of Management which will commence in December. The Board meet once a month to oversee all aspects of managing our school. If you have skills that could benefit the school and you are interested in serving on our Board of Management please contact the PA or Ms. O'Boyce, Acting Principal.

## **Sports Updates**

- We wish the Girls Football Team the very best of luck as they play their first match against Divine Mercy this afternoon at Lucan Sarsfield GAA Club. Many thanks to Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Egan and Ms. Reilly for their work with the team. Good luck girls!
- We wish the Boys Football Team all the best also as they play their first match tomorrow in Somerton against Scoil Thomais. Thanks to Mr. Boner for his work with the team. Good luck boys!

## **After School Activities**

Homework Club takes place each Monday and Wednesday, commencing on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Forms will be sent home in childrens bags this week. Please contact Ms. Hegarty/Ms. Fitzgerald for more information or email [stmochtashwc@gmail.com](mailto:stmochtashwc@gmail.com).

## **Community News**

- Blanchardstown Garda Station will hold an Open Day on 14<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm to 5pm. There will be a sensory hour from 1pm to 2pm. There will be tours of the station, face painting, display of garda vehicles, and Garda units such as the Dog and Mounted Units, among other things. All are invited.
- Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 18th September at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.
- BRIDGE Classes starting on Thursday, 12th September from 11am in St. Mochta's Parish Centre, Porterstown.10 week Beginners Course. Cost: €120. Please contact Yvonne on 086 8592638 for more information.
- Coolmine Community School will hold an Open Evening at their school at 7.30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- For your information, St. Declan's College, Nephin Road, Cabra is accepting applications First Year boys for the academic year 2020/2021. Application Forms are available from their school.