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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
6th November 2019

Primary Language Curriculum Training

A reminder that **there will be no school for children next Wednesday 13th November 2019.** As you will be aware already, 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 on this day.

Enrolment Ceremony - Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations to all of our Candidates who participated in the Enrolment Ceremony last night. It was a lovely occasion – well done to everybody. A particular thanks to Ms. Egan, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Brown for their work preparing the children.

An epayment link was sent to all Confirmation Candidates requesting payment of €27 to cover the cost of the upcoming retreat and the rental charge of the confirmation robe. The Retreat costs €17 and the money will be paid to the parish of St. Mochta's and the rental charge for the robe is €10 which also goes towards the cost of cleaning the robe. Many thanks for your payment.

Parent Teacher Meetings

All letters regarding Parent/Teacher Meetings will be sent home in the school bags on Monday. On the meeting days, school will finish at the usual times for Junior and Senior Infants. All other classes will finish at their usual times on Wednesday, but at earlier times on Thursday. Please see list below:-

Class Level	Day	Gates Open
1 st to 6 th Classes	Wednesday 20 th	2.30pm
1 st & 6 th Classes	Thursday 21 st	2.15pm

Please collect your child at the time above so that the meetings may start on time. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Every Day Counts!

Following on Túsá's 'Every Day Counts Campaign', outlined below are the attendance statistics for the month of October for our school:

Total	Girls	Boys
97.1%	97.2%	97.1%

The trend is good. Well done to everybody! There has been a slight increase on the month of September. It would be great if we can continue this effort to improve on these statistics going forward – we will keep you updated each month. Thank you for your participation.

Messages from the PA

- **Christmas Cards** - A reminder from the PA that all orders must be returned to the school by **Friday 8th November** as the printer will be collecting the orders on this day.
- **Christmas Calendars - Friday 15th November:** Photos of all classes for the Class Calendars will be taken on Friday 15th November. Order envelopes will be sent out at that time.
- **Christmas Fair – Sunday 1st December!** - Save the date for our Christmas Fair. From 1.00pm to 4.00pm. We are currently gathering prizes for our monster raffle, if you have any prizes that you can donate please contact the PA at parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie. All donations greatly appreciated. Please see attached poster for more information. Please see attached poster.

Aldi Posters

The school is in the process of ordering new posters, so please keep bringing in the stickers. As you know, St. Mochta's has the opportunity to win various prizes. If you shop at Aldi and spend over €30, **please accept the Aldi Play Rugby Stickers**. Thank you for your continued support. Thanks also to Mr. Boner for co-ordinating the posters.

Super Troopers

St. Mochta's National School is participating in the Super Troopers PE programme. This programme encourages pupils to consider all aspects of their health, and helps them to explore physical activity, nutrition and wellbeing in exciting and accessible ways. Over the coming weeks, your child will be given activities to complete at home. These activities will be noted in their Health Homework Journals.

Dates for your Diary

12 th November 2019	First Holy Communion The Enrolment Ceremony will take place at St. Mochta's Church at 7.30pm. A reminder from the Parish that there will be room in the church for your child and one parent only. Please respect this request. Our First Communion Date has been confirmed for Saturday 16 th May 2020. 10.00am – Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Cummins classes 12.30pm – Ms. Stewart and Mr. McAdams classes
13 th November 2019	Primary Language Curriculum Training 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 th November 2019. There will be no school for children on this day. Please keep a note for your records.
18 th & 19 th November 2019	Junior Infant – Vision and Hearing The HSE has confirmed that Vision and Hearing testing will take place during school hours on 18 th and 19 th November next.
20 th & 21 st November 2019	Parent Teacher Meetings A letter will be sent home after the mid-term to confirm your appointed day and time.
25 th & 26 th November 2019	Junior Infant Vaccinations The HSE has confirmed that Junior Infant Vaccinations will take place in the school on the 25 th & 26 th November next. Please find a letter from the HSE in your child's school bag.
1 st December 2019	Save the date for our Christmas Fair. We are currently gathering prizes for our monster raffle, if you have any prizes that you can donate please contact the PA at parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie . All donations greatly appreciated.

Please Remember:-

- No dogs on school property
- No smoking/vaping on school property
- Walk on designated paths and not on the grass
- Children are not allowed to climb walls or walk along the railings
- Pedestrians should enter/exit the school via the designated pedestrian gates only (do not use the gates used by cars!)
- The school is also a place of work and various meetings happen after the children have gone home – we ask parents/guardians to please leave the yards and areas around the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.
- Children using bikes/scooters should wear helmets. Bikes/scooters should be securely locked while on the school premises. Unfortunately, there have been a few attempts to take some bikes from the school. St. Mochta's National School cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to property on the premises.