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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
12th November 2019

No School for Children Tomorrow due to Primary Language Curriculum Training

A reminder that ***there will be no school for children tomorrow Wednesday 13th November 2019.*** As you will be aware already, there will be a one day training session provided to all teachers at St. Mochta's National School.

Strictly St. Mochta's! – one year on

A reminder that it was one year ago that Strictly St. Mochta's was staged at Westmanstown. We can now see the fruits of all the fundraising with an amazing yard space for all our children. On behalf of all our boys and girls, thanks to everyone involved in helping make this happen.

Parent Teacher Meetings

All letters regarding Parent/Teacher Meetings were sent home in the school bags yesterday. Parents are invited to park in the Set Down Area during Parent Teacher Meetings. **However, please use the main entrance at the School Reception when entering/exiting the building.** Many thanks for your co-operation.

Please note that 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.

Junior Infants – September 2020

All Category 1 offers have now been issued. The cut-off date is 1st January 2016. All acceptances must be completed and returned to the office by Friday 22nd November 2019.

Science Week

- Science Week will straddle over two weeks due to our PDST Training Day and the Parent Teacher Meetings next week.
- Our 6th Class students have been working very hard over the last few weeks on their Intel Projects. The Intel Judges will arrive on Thursday this week to view all the projects. We wish all the boys and girls the very best of luck as they enter the first phase of the Intel Mini Scientist Competition.
- Children in all classes will have lots of exciting events to look forward to over the next two weeks. Further details in next week's newsletter.

Messages from the PA

- **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.

Aldi Posters

Finally, the new poster has arrived. The last date for the stickers was Friday 8th November. If there are any more stickers around at home, please send them in as soon as possible. Thanks to Mr. Boner for co-ordinating the posters.

Dates for your Diary

12 th November 2019	<p>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.</p> <p>Our First Communion Date has been confirmed for Saturday 16th May 2020. 10.00am – Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Cummins classes 12.30pm – Ms. Stewart and Mr. McAdams classes</p>
18 th & 19 th November 2019	<p>Junior Infant – Vision and Hearing The HSE has confirmed that Vision and Hearing testing will take place during school hours on 18th and 19th November next.</p>
20 th & 21 st November 2019	<p>Parent Teacher Meetings A letter will be sent home after the mid-term to confirm your appointed day and time.</p>
25 th & 26 th November 2019	<p>Junior Infant Vaccinations The HSE has confirmed that Junior Infant Vaccinations will take place in the school on the 25th & 26th November next. Please find a letter from the HSE in your child's school bag.</p>
1 st December 2019	<p>CHRISTMAS FAIR!</p> <p>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.</p>

Community News

- Meet the Scientists from Teagasc at Blanchardstown Library on 14th November from 3.00pm to 6.30pm. You can find out more about the science of food and how food relates to you and what you eat.
- St. Mochta's Bethany Bereavement Support Group will hold a talk in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Thursday, 21st November at 8pm. Everyone is very welcome, there is no Charge. "Talk by Niamh Fitzpatrick – sister of Capt. Dara Fitzpatrick. 'I now know grief is the price we pay for love.' Dara was Captain of the Irish Coast Guard search and rescue helicopter 116 which crashed at Blacksod in March 2017 while on a rescue mission, with the loss of all four crew on board. Niamh will share her experience of this loss"
- SONGS FOR A WINTER'S EVENING CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Following last year's very successful concert, Mary Flynn, Soprano, together with Mary O'Donnell, Harpist and friends have come together for the 10th annual 'Songs for a Winter's Evening' – a Christmas Celebration. The concert will take place in St. Mochta's Church, Porterstown, Dublin 15 on Sunday, 8th December at 7.30pm sharp. All proceeds will go towards the urgent restoration of St. Mochta's Church. Tickets are on sale from the Parish Office or directly from Mary Flynn at 087 2585398.