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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
12th February 2020

School Closure – Mid Term

School will be closed from 17th February 2020 until Friday 21 February for the mid-term. Normal school hours apply on Friday 14th February. Please collect your child on time. School will reopen on Monday 24th February at 8.50am.

Health & Safety

A few parents have been using the Disability parking zone recently. There has also been an increase in parents/guardians dropping children just at the entrance to the staff car park. Thankfully, there have been no accidents and we would like to keep it this way. The Staff Car Park is for staff use only and for disability permit holders.

We ask parents not to park in the Disability parking zone outside the school office unless you have a disability parking permit. Our school is lucky to have a drop-off/short-term parking area off the Porterstown Road. Should you need to collect a child for an appointment, please use this area.

Aladdin Connect - A new app for St. Mochta's National School!

Our school uses an administration package called Aladdin. You will already be familiar with receiving epayment links via this system. Connect is an extension of Aladdin and allows parents to download an App on their phones. Through this App you will receive messages, have access to report cards, attendance, absence reasons, etc.

After the mid-term we will forward an introduction letter giving further information. We will be encouraging all parents to download the App to their phone. Once this has been done by all, we can start using this comprehensive communication tool. We hope that all parents will download the App as it will be our mail tool for communication in future.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Voluntary Contribution Letter

The voluntary contribution letter will be emailed to all families later today. Please read the letter. A link for payment will be also be emailed. Many thanks for your support.

Trócaire Campaign

Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Each year, our school sends home a Trócaire box to help raise funds during lent. One box per family is being sent home towards the end of this week. Please read the information provided and if you would like to support the campaign this year, the box should be returned after Easter. On behalf of Trócaire, thank you for your help.

3rd & 4th Classes – Swimming Lessons

Swimming for 3rd classes started yesterday – we hope your children enjoyed their first class. 4th classes will start swimming lessons on Friday 28th February. The cost of the lessons is €26.00 and an ePayment link was also sent. Thank you to all those who have paid so far.

5th Class – Cycle Safety Training

An information letter was emailed to the parents/guardians of children in 5th classes regarding the upcoming Cycling Safety Training. The course starts on 27th February and takes place during school hours. The cost is €16.00 and an ePayment link was also sent. Thank you to all those who have paid so far.

Camogie and Hurling

Camogie training will take place on Thursdays at 12 noon. Hurling training will take place on Wednesdays at 12 noon. Please bring your training gear to participate. Camogie and Hurling matches will start from May – further details will follow nearer the time. Thanks to Ms. McNally and Mr. Brennan for organising the training sessions.

Honk! - Tickets selling very fast!

St. Mochta's NS proudly present the musical Honk! in Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown from Tuesday 10th-Saturday 14th March 2020. For details visit www.draiocht.ie.

Tesco Roselawn Community Fund – Fundraiser for Honk! - St. Mochta's NS/Variety Group

If you shop at Tesco, Roselawn, please support our school and drop your blue tokens into our container on the way out. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do the same. The money collected will be used towards our upcoming school production of Honk! Thank you for your participation.

Dates for your Diary

<i>17th February – 21st February</i>	<i>Mid Term Break</i>
28th February 2020	Swimming lessons start for children in 4 th Class – 28/2,6/3,13/3,20/3,27/3,3/4
24th February 2020	Ceremony of Light for 6 th Class Students making Confirmation. This ceremony takes place at 7.30pm at St. Mochta's Church.
27th February 2020	Cycle Safety Training starts for children in 5 th Class.
2nd March – 6th March 2020	Book Fair at St. Mochta's National School – further details nearer the time.
3rd March 2020	Dublin 15 League at Porterstown Park – further details for our athletes nearer the time.
10th – 14th March 2020 Honk!	Honk! runs from 10th-14th March 2020 in Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown. Further details can be found on www.draiocht.ie . Purchasing of tickets is through Draíocht only.

Community News

St. Mochta's Football Club is running a mid-term camp for children from 4 to 8 years old, between 18th and 20th February 2020 from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Cost is €35.00. Email for further information and to register visit www.stmochtasfc.com.