



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a great start to the academic year; the children have all been working hard and have settled in very well to school routine.

**Mid-term Break:** School is closed for the week of Monday 31<sup>st</sup> and will reopen on November 7<sup>th</sup> after mid-term break. Children can **dress up** on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> for Temple Street, please bring in €2 for this charity collection. Please make sure children are warm enough and can walk in their costumes.

**Birthday Parties:** Parents, please note that no birthday parties will be held in school. Party bags/treats cannot be dropped in by parents for teachers to distribute.

### Wet mornings



- Please note only children attending the breakfast club should come to school early.
- All other children should not come to school until after 08.40.
- There will be supervision in place on wet mornings in classrooms from 08.40 and children will not be permitted to enter classrooms before that time.
- We recommend that children who are not attending breakfast club arrive from 08.50 onwards on wet mornings. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Sports

- 1st classes have been enjoying **GAA** with coach Nicole.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes will start 6 weeks of **Track and Field** activities after Halloween.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> classes children are looking forward to 6 weeks of **swimming lessons** in NAC beginning next week.
- 5<sup>th</sup> class children will be improving their **cricket** skills very soon.
- 6<sup>th</sup> class children will be looking forward to learning new skills from **FAI coaches** in November/December.
- **Cycling Safety** has proven to be a great success again for 6<sup>th</sup>, with children learning invaluable rules for the road.

### Upcoming Events

- We will have a visit on October 21<sup>st</sup> from the **Moon and Sixpence Puppet theatre**. All classes will have the opportunity to see either Red Riding Hood or Over the Rainbow in the hall on the day.
- The children in 2nd and 6th class have begun to prepare for the **Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation**. Parents of Communion children are invited to attend an information session in connection with the forthcoming celebrations on November Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the church. Parents of Confirmation children are invited on November Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the church.

- The Annual **Book Fair** will take place in November, parents will be invited to the hall to look at their children's work and to look at or purchase books.
- **Parent/Teacher Meetings** will take place on November 16th. You will be notified of the date and time and we look forward to seeing you then.
- **ASD unit** - We are currently liaising with the Department regarding a temporary unit.
- **Board of Management**- We will be looking for 2 parent nominations for the BOM in November

**Parent Courses** There are still places available in our fantastic parents' courses. We are currently running ESOL (English language), Jewellery Making, Cookery, Crochet and Sewing. Talk to Mike (HSCL) OR CALL 01-8220544 to book.

**Aladdin Connect** Aladdin Connect is a great way of communicating with the school and accessing your child's information. Please contact the school if you haven't received your access code or to provide us with your email address. We would encourage all parents to login and use Aladdin Connect regularly. Look out for our Parent Notices on it to find out what's happening in the school.

### **Parents' Room**



The Parents' Room (upstairs in the new building) is open every day. You are all more than welcome to pop in, have a chat and a cuppa, and maybe meet new people. It's your space to relax. We hope to see you there.

**Stepping Stones Forest** We are delighted to announce that on 27<sup>th</sup> October, Dodder



Action group will visit the school to begin the creation of a beautiful forest area on our green area beside the football pitch. Eventually 500 small trees will be planted and, once grown, will provide a lovely green outdoor space to learn in and relax. The children will all be involved in the process, making it their own space. We need lots of **large cardboard pieces** (larger than cereal boxes) for the soil preparation on October 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any at home, please send them in with the children over the coming days. It would be greatly appreciated.



**School Library** Our brand-new school library is now up and running. The children are really enjoying reading and relaxing in the library and they love the new borrowing system. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who help out every day. If you would like to help out, please talk to Mike (HSCL) OR Ms Tyndall (Rm 6). We would love to see you.

**Please remind your child about Halloween Fire Safety:**

- Stay a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks - wind can carry sparks long distances which may cause permanent injuries and scars
- If somebody catches fire, they should do the 'stop, drop and roll' drill - stop what they're doing, get on the ground and roll.
- Keep pets indoors around Halloween night - they are sensitive to noise.