



St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

October 2019 Newsletter

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October Focus - Our focus for this month will be the Rosary, Hallowe'en and being self-motivated.

Mid-term break - School will be closed on Thursday 31st October, Friday 1st and Monday 4th November. School opens again Tuesday 5th November.

Do This in Memory - First meeting for parents of children who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year will take place in the school on Thursday 10th October at 7:30pm. Notes were distributed last week. Do This in Memory Enrolment Mass will take place on Sunday 20th October in Holy Cross Church at 11:30am.

Parent-Teacher Meetings - will take place on Friday 22nd November. Further details on appointments will be sent out closer to the time.

School Mass - Thanks to Canon Jimmy for celebrating our school Mass. It was a very nice school, parish and community event which brought pupils, staff, parents and extended family together. It was great to see so many in attendance. Thanks to the children for their participation and to the choir who sang so beautifully.

Children's Day of Mission Prayer is 11th October.

Eco-Council - Congratulations to the members of the Eco-Council who will have a busy year ahead. They have been hard at work already as they were in attendance at weekend Masses saying prayers, reflections and handing out leaflets.

Picking up - Parents / guardians picking up children at 2pm and 3pm are reminded that parking is prohibited in the bus lane. Cars must not park on the kerb as buses are trying to get through and children are moving across the car park. This constitutes a health and safety issue.

Smoke free zone - The school buildings, grounds and areas around the main gates are a smoke free zone. Parents / guardians and visitors must not smoke in the grounds. As a school we promote healthy living and as such, adults seen smoking in the grounds does not support our policy. Anyone seen smoking will be asked to stop and remove smoking litter from the premises.

Lisnaskea Feis – A reminder that forms and money to enter the Feis should be handed in by Friday 4th October. We ask for as many pupils to take part as possible as this is a local Feis and there has been a huge amount of effort by the organising committee.

Hallowe'en Dress up – Children may come into school in Hallowe'en costume on Wednesday 30th October. We recommend you make costumes from items found at home rather than spending a lot of money on costumes. We ask that you be considerate in not wearing a mask as this can be unsettling for Nursery, P1 and P2 pupils.

Shared Education – Teachers are currently planning themes for shared classes this term with their colleagues in Moat PS. The classes involved are: P1 (Mrs Hughes), P2 (Mrs Maguire), P3 (Mrs McDonald), P5 (Mr Carey), P6/7 Mr McArdle).

PTFA – The AGM of the PTFA takes place on Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm. There has been a huge amount of work by members organising events for this term. There is a dedicated section on our website for PFTA related matters. www.stronansps.com – Parent's Area – PTFA St Ronans. Please have a look and become involved.

There is an 'Easyfundraising' Competition online now on our Facebook page. Have a look for more details.

Halloween Trail – 23rd – 28th October 2019

'Make Your Own Choices Day' – 30th October 2019

Halloween Raffle -30th October 2019

Further details will be communicated throughout the month.

The children worked hard on their Christmas Card designs. These will be in next week and every child will receive their free samples home. Well done everyone!

Clarinet lessons – will continue every Monday afternoon for P5 pupils. It is essential that children bring their clarinet to school and practice at home. The cost has been considerable to the school and a commitment of a few minutes each day will be beneficial to all children.

Musical Pathways - continues every Tuesday afternoon for P3 and P4 pupils

Early classes – Mr Shannon continues to take P7 pupils for Literacy and Numeracy on Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning at 8:30am.

PE – There is a huge amount of provision for all classes in PE this year. This is an essential part of the curriculum and is not optional. Exercise is essential for healthy living and for maintaining well-being.

Class Photo – A photographer will be in school on Monday 28th October to take class photos. There will be no opportunity for individual photos as this takes place later in the year. Please ensure children are at school and wearing correct uniform.

Technology – We have purchased 5 new Smartboards for classrooms. The older whiteboards have been giving problems and needing essential maintenance. We hope that the new technology will give children an even better learning experience.

Nut allergy – ***A reminder that nuts or nut based products are not allowed in school or for lunch. There are children who have a nut allergy and must not come into contact with these products.***

Dinner – The cost of dinner is £2.60 per day or £13 for a week. Anyone who is entitled to free school meals should contact Christina in the Office to receive a form as soon as possible. The number of children taking free school meals has a positive impact on our school budget.

Maths Week Ireland – 12th to 20th October. Activities will be ongoing in class and for homework.

Respecting school property – There have been a few incidents of vandalism in the boy's toilets upstairs. The result has been flooding of the toilet areas and putting them out of action. The actions of one has a detrimental effect on everyone else. Please talk to children about respecting school property at all times. A serious issue like this will be dealt with in line with our Positive Behaviour Policy – Sanctions section.