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NEWSLETTER 5 - JANUARY 2019

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS: 11-14 February

This is the time of year when the main Parent/Teacher meetings take place in Scoil Mhuire. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss a child's progress and to give information from parent to teacher and vice versa. It is very important for a child to know that home and school are working together in the best interests of all the children. A new method of booking is being trialled this year and a link to book a meeting will be sent home to parents shortly. This meeting is a progress report and will take no more than 10 minutes, however, if you have an issue that will require more time, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible. Should parents require separate meetings, please contact the office. If parents cannot make the meeting because of urgent reasons, please let the office know and we might be able to reschedule your appointment.

Note that school will close at 14.45 for 1st to 6th classes that week, to give teachers time for a small break before the meetings.

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING CHILDREN

Dropping/collecting from the church car park

When collecting children at the church car park, please do not block the entrance to the Priest's house and office.

There should be room for 2 lines of vehicles down the centre of the church car park, so please make room for other drivers.

Dropping/collecting from the side gate

The Cluïd side road at the school fence is not for motorists to drop or collect and should be kept free for children crossing.

Please drive slowly & safely and watch out for pedestrians at all times. Free of charge high visibility vests for children walking are available from the school or Gardaí station.

Dropping/collecting from the school car park

Please do not park on the yellow line outside the school gate.

When dropping your child, remind them to use the footpath for their safety.

Dropping/collecting outside of usual hours.

We remind parents that children are only to be dropped off at or collected from the front office. Please do not go directly to the classroom.

LITERACY INTERVENTIONS

Scoil Mhuire has invested significant funds in staff training and resources for literacy interventions. These resources include PM readers and books for Accelerated reader. Some of these books are going missing and we are left with no choice but to recoup the cost from the parents of children who have mislaid their readers. Cost analysis would indicate that we need €10 to recoup the cost of PM readers. The cost of AR readers will be individually determined. Hopefully most children will take care of their books and there won't be any need for us to seek reimbursement. Parents can also help us out by donating novels that their children have already read and can be used for AR purposes. Children from 3rd to 6th can determine whether their books are AR compatible and we would be delighted to accept such donations during the week of parent teacher meetings.

These programmes are proving hugely successful in promoting all aspects of literacy in the school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone- staff, parents, P.A. and Board of Management for their support in this vital area.

ENROLMENT FORMS 2019/20

Enrolment forms will soon be available at Scoil Mhuire, on Scoil Mhuire Website and at Clifden playschool for 2019/2020 entrants.

ABSENCES

Thank you to all the parents who are now sending absence notes for their children via Aladdin. The paper trail has diminished significantly. However, there are still a few parents who are not connected to the service. Since you can see this Newsletter on the Noticeboard, then you are fully functional! But some parents are not registered yet. If you hear of parents in this situation (if they say they have not seen a newsletter for a while or if they wonder why they haven't received their PT meeting appointment...) please tell them to contact the school for help. Once they are fully registered, they will be able to book their appointment for Parent meetings, along with other benefits.

SCOIL MHUIRE SUPER SPORTS PREDICTOR

Please check the school bags for the Parent Association Sports Predictor Sheet to raise funds towards the building of Scoil Mhuire's new Gym.

OVERVIEW 2018/2019		APRIL	STANDARDISED TESTING 15th to 26th April: Easter Break
FEBRUARY	Week of 11th February: P/T MEETINGS 18th to 22nd February: Mid Term Break	MAY	6th May: Bank Holiday 11th May: First Holy Communion
MARCH	9th March: First Penance 18th March: Bank Holiday 26th March: Confirmation	JUNE	3rd June: Bank Holiday 21st June: 6th Class Graduation Mass 26th June at 12.30: Summer Break

AWARDS	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	BEST EFFORT	SPECIAL PERSON
JUNIOR INFANTS	Clodagh lee Emilia Sullivan Dáithí McNamara Cameron Keogh	Simon O'Connor Lainey Ashe Lorcan O'Sullivan Mikey Conneely	Halle Joyce Oisín Sun Halle Joyce Evin Kochumman
SENIOR INFANTS	Whole class award		
	Kathleen Conroy Zarah Joyce	Flynn O'Malley James O'Flaherty	Ciara Francis Thomas Conneely
FIRST CLASS	Whole class award		
	Cormac Heanue Mimi Brow Harry Sun	Ryan Morrissey Rebecca Ward Shane Conneely	Caoimhe Foyle Ruth Abraham Rosin Loveland
SECOND CLASS	Whole class award		
	Olwyn Conroy Drew Lambert Aoife Gorham	Barry Loveland Zuzanna Bobrowska Matthew Carey	Conor Canavan Ava Mitchell Cara McNamara
THIRD CLASS	Whole class award		
	Sami Foyle April Baylis Emily Conroy	Naoise Barry Ellen Conneely Mikayla Folan	Emily Conroy Roisin O'Toole Ciaran King
FOURTH CLASS	Annie Carey Daragh Conroy John Tevlin Cara O'Donoghue	Jack O'Donnell Stephen O'Rourke Ella Coohill Lucas O'Halloran	Ella Prauer Holly O'Toole Leah Shaughnessy Michal Wysocki
FIFTH CLASS	Whole class award		
	Ellieann O'Toole Adam Duke Adam Gavin	Robyn Foyle Siofra Gannon Ethan Dooley Aoibhín O'Connor	Majka Janus Dubheasa O'Connor Luke Walsh
SIXTH CLASS	Mikey Conroy Jade Flaherty Kaiya Joyce	Callum King Sean Walsh Eoin Griffin	Max Baylis Chloe Conneely Molly Morgan Ruthie McLoughlin
SPECIAL AWARDS	Kathleen Conroy, Aiden Tevlin, Maeve De Courcey, Chantelle Sweeney, Alex McGowan, Ciaran Davitt, Teagan Larkin, Oisín O'Sullivan, Teresa Conroy, Luke Walsh, Leyla Sweeney, Arfin Chowdory		