



HOME SCHOOL NEWS

For details on all classes please contact Ms Debbie Aspell at: 0852830315

Please note:
when you are in the school yard:-
No smoking
No dogs
No cycling

School monies due:

€35 for 1 child
€45 for 2 children
€55 for 3 children

Thank you to all those who have already paid this money to class teacher. We have kept this amount to a minimum. Please pay appropriate amount to teacher as pupils have already been provided with all of their English readers, gaeilge resources, Maths resources, crayons, copies, pencils, folders, art & craft supplies etc.
St. Catherine's ASD
Preschool are asked to pay €50 to cover all costs for the school year.



Thank you to Ms Barry and Ms Fallon for all their hard work in support of the Green Schools Programme.

A special thanks to our Green Team as well.

Head Lice:

Parents are asked to check their child's hair regularly, if your child's hair is affected please treat it immediately with medications which are available from the chemist. Fine combing your child's hair also ensures that the hair is kept clear. It is important that all parents co-operate with checking and treating your child's hair. Check hair and treat and recheck often and re-treat if necessary to prevent head lice infestations spreading.

PUPIL PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

All parents received a letter recently from the school about pupil personal accident insurance in early September.

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is an extra insurance through the school at very reasonable rate for parents. Insurance cover has been arranged for parents in the Infant School who returned signed applications and paid the fee. A letter confirming cover and payment has been sent to parents/guardians who signed up. Applications are now closed for this year.



Hurling for Junior/Senior Infants and First Classes

Coaching for each of the Classes has started again this year. Paddy from Good Counsel GAA club is teaching the children hurling skills on Friday mornings. This is a great opportunity for the boys & girls to develop hurling skills and we hope they will continue to play hurling and camogie as they are older.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The next meeting of the Infant School Board of Management will be held on **Wednesday 8th November at 7:15pm.**
Members please note

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The school has been requisitioned for use as a polling station in the upcoming Presidential Election, therefore there will be no school for pupils on Friday 26th October

Halloween Mid-term: School will be closed from Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November. School reopens on Monday 5th November at 9:05am.
The school calendar for 2018/19 is available on www.infantschoolmourneroad.net

Halloween Dress Up Day for Children

All children in the Infant School are invited to come to school dressed up for Halloween on *Thursday 25th October* and bring in €2 for our Parents Association.



We will also have a raffle for Halloween cake/cakes
Tickets are €2 a strip or 3 strips for €5 and

available from members of Parents Association and class teachers.

Parents do not have to buy expensive fancy dress outfits as sold in the shops - dressing up clothes from home are just as good! There will be prizes for the best home designed costumes.



The Parents Association are also holding a Halloween art competition for all classes. Prizes will be presented as well as Halloween goodies for all.

Important message for parents:

we ask that pupils do **not** wear all in one dress up Halloween suits/outfits to school on Dress Up Thursday as it is very difficult for children to remove these suits when they need to go to the toilet; this can cause distress for many pupils.

Infant School, Mourne Road, Drinnagh, Dublin 12

School Attendance

It is important that all children attend school every day unless sick etc. In order to comply with the TUSLA/ National Education Welfare Board (NEWB) guidelines you must give a written note to your child's teacher if your child is absent from school for any reason. Schools are obliged to report on pupil attendance to the NEWB throughout the school year.



The Statement of Strategy for School Attendance is available on the school website. We have also uploaded a very useful publication from NEWB : "Don't let your child miss out" (School Attendance information for Parents) Please take time to read



Halloween Library Competition for First Class:



Don't forget to get your entries for the Halloween competition to Ms Coffey by Wednesday 24th October. Lots of lovely prizes for the winners in each class. Pupils in all classes go to the library each week with Teacher.

Parents are asked to encourage their child to read the books at home.

There is a great selection of Halloween books in the Library.

NUT BASED FOODS IMPORTANT NOTICE: There are pupils with severe nut allergies in the school at various class levels. Parents should make sure that their child/ren do not bring any nut based foods such as Peanut butter, Nutella, nut or cereal bars to eat at school. These foods can trigger anaphylactic reactions. Please co-operate with this policy to ensure the safety of pupils.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Please continue to support the lotto at €2 per week run by Aisling King. Thank you to the Parents Association for their recent donation of €600. We hope to put this towards the cost of purchasing additional resources for pupils in the areas of literacy/ numeracy/Physical Education. This money has been lodged to the BOM account.

A big thank you to all parents who attended the Junior Infant coffee mornings. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet informally with our 3 Junior Infant teachers: Ms Doherty, Ms Lee and Ms Doran
Thanks to Debbie for organising

LOTTO WINNERS

15th September Michelle Kavanagh €45 No.38
22nd September Ann Kennedy €45 no.39
29th September Liz McGuinness €45 no.33
There are still 4 numbers left if you would like to join this fundraiser.
Please ask Aisling King for details or any member of our hardworking PA.
All monies raised go towards the organising of many events throughout the school year. Thanks to Aisling King for organising weekly.

Please take time to check out our school website.
www.infantschoolmourneroad.net

News from the staffroom



Congratulations to Ms Lawlor on her

recent wedding. We wish herself and her husband every health and happiness.

The Parents Association AGM took place on Friday 28th September. A financial report is included with this newsletter.
Thank you to the PA for their continued support of the Infant School.
I wish Emilia and her team a very productive year ahead.

Parent Teacher meetings for the Infant School will take place in November.
Details will be given to all pupils after the Halloween break.

The Infant School recently underwent a Primary Curriculum Evaluation in the subject area of English, under the Department Of Education and Skills. The feedback from the inspectorate was very positive with the teaching and learning highly commended. I would like to thank all staff for their hard work during this inspection and as Principal am very proud of the findings. Pupils are very fortunate to have such highly committed and dedicated teachers. The report will be published in due course on the departments website.