



**THANK YOU
FOR NOT
SMOKING**

In the interest of health and safety of our children and staff we would ask that parents/guardians refrain from smoking in the vicinity of the school building including the school yard ensuring that no child is exposed to the dangers of passive smoking.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE -
NOTICE FOR PARENTS**

It is important that children are in school each day unless they are sick or for another good reason. Under the Education Welfare Act the school must report all children who are absent for 20 or more days to the National Education Welfare Board. Most children in the Infant School come to school each day—however there are a number of children who miss a lot of school days which makes it very difficult for the children to keep up with school work and to make good progress at school.

Parents are asked to help to make sure your children are in school each day.

Important:

If your child is late for Roll Call this is recorded as an absence.

During the week 27th February–3rd March (the week after midterm), children in the Infant School will be taught (RSE) Relationships and Sexuality lessons as part of the Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) curriculum of the Department of Education and Skills. The school has an RSE policy and the policy has been agreed by the Board of Management. An RSE newsletter is enclosed with this newsletter.

An information Meeting for parents on the Stay Safe Programme will be held on Friday 10th February at 12:30pm in the Infant School in Classroom 8 to explain the lessons to parents. The meeting will also look at the RSE programme for all classes. It is really important that all parents come to this meeting to be fully informed about the teaching

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School Closures: Please Note

February Mid-Term Break:

School will close for one week from Monday 20th

February to

Friday 24th February

School will re-open on Monday 27th February at

9.05am.

Healthy Teeth



The dental nurse will visit all classes in early March to talk to the children about dental health. Also the children in each senior infant will be learning about "Teeth" through the Mighty Mouth programme in class and will get a certificate at the end of the programme. Thanks to teachers for their resourceful

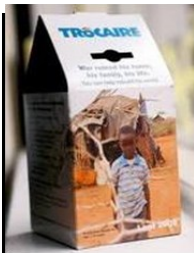
lessons with the children on "how to look after my teeth" and also their lovely artwork.



Catholic Schools Week was celebrated in the Infant School from Monday 29th January to Friday 3rd February. Thank you to Ms Aspell for inviting Grandparents in on Wednesday to celebrate Grandparents Day. All classes have had special events during the week to celebrate our catholic school ethos. A special Assembly was held on Friday 3rd February to mark the end of Catholic Schools Week in our school.



GREEN SCHOOL NEWS: A big thank you to all who completed our energy awareness survey. The green team members in 1st class have been working really hard to make sure our school is looking after the environment as best we can. We are all trying our best to recycle, save water and save energy at home and in school.



Trocaire Boxes—Children in all classes will receive Trocaire Boxes to bring home soon. Please support this annual Trocaire Lental Campaign. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 1st March. Trocaire boxes should be returned after Easter to Cathy's office, Thank you for your support each year for this very good cause.

Have you a child for Junior Infants 2017?

Enrolments are now being taken for children to start school this coming September in the Infant School.

Enrolment Forms are now available from Cathy's office and should be returned as soon as possible (immediately).
Birth Certificates must accompany all applications. Please make sure to apply early to ensure that your child can be offered a place for September. *A copy of the schools' enrolment policy is available from the Principal*



There are lots of classes running for parents in the parents room. Please contact Ms Debbie Aspell for further information on all classes.

Phone:0852830315

BREAKFAST CLUB

is open each morning from 8am in the Parents Room for all children. A healthy early morning breakfast is available free of charge. We would encourage you to avail of this facility.



The next meeting of our Board of Management will be held on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7:15pm. Board members please note.

Important Notice to Parents

Monies Due—There are a large number of children who still have not paid their monies for Art and Photocopying.
Total is 35Euro for 1 child.
€45 for 2 children and €55 for 3 children.
 Parents are asked to pay the monies as soon as possible. It is important that the children have adequate materials for the work in the class and all materials cost a lot of money.
 Parents may give the money to teacher over a few payments.
 If you have a difficulty about this matter please speak with Ms Mc Cartan.

Recent Lotto Winners:

14th January : Emilia Kropiwnicka Number: 7
21st Januaru : Joe reddin Number :45
28th January : Emilia Kropiwnicka Number : 7
Thank you to Aisling King for organising the weekly Lotto.

Check our school website for lots of school news: Work of the Weeketc.

www.infantschoolmourneroad.net

WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 2nd March

To celebrate this important day all pupils in the Infant school will receive book tokens very soon from Ms Coffey. Parents are asked to bring their child to a bookshop where you can buy books for your child with the book voucher. Our school library has over 3,000 books , all the books have been put on the computerised system and all classes have an afternoon slot to come with their teacher to read/borrow books each week. Look out for world book day activities in the Infant School including story time for all classes and art Activities.



The next library competition for First Classes will be our Easter competition. Entry forms will be available from Ms Coffey nearer the time. Lots of lovely prizes for winners