

During the week 27th—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 Science. The school has an RSE policy devised in consultation with parents, teachers and BOM and the policy has been agreed by the Board of Management. A summary of the policy will be given to parents in RSE newsletter in early Feb.

**An information meeting for parents to explain the RSE lessons as they will be taught to junior infants, senior infants and first class has been organised for Friday 10th February 2017 in Classroom 8 in the Infant School at 12:30pm. All parents are invited to come as this is important for parents to be aware of the content of the lessons. We will also have a speaker to talk about the STAY SAFE programme for all classes which teaches safety skills to pupils.**

**December Library competition winners  
Rooms 1&2.**



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2017

**Important Notice to Parents  
Monies Due—**

There is still a large Amount of monies due:  
Total is 35 Euro for one child  
€45 for two children and  
€55 for three children.  
Parents are asked to pay the monies as soon as possible. It is important that the children have adequate materials for their 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, please speak with Mrs McCartan.

The Infant School have recently reviewed it's Code Of Behaviour. This includes a section outlining our practice and procedure in relation to Suspension and Expulsion. A copy is available on our school website and from the office on request.  
The BOM of the Infant School will be updating the school Child Protection Policy in accordance with Department of Education regulations. Our Child protection policy will ensure the safety and welfare of all our pupils is a priority and that the school continues with proper procedures to deal with concerns about children should they arise. All staff will receive input on the Child Protection Guidelines for schools.  
The Infant School is also teaching the STAY SAFE programme in senior infant and first classes : here children learn safety skills to keep them safe, seek help to deal with bullying etc

Infant School, Mourne Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12

**Newsletter - January 2017**



**We welcome back all Infant School Staff and extend a very Happy New Year to all our Parents, Staff and their families. We extend congratulations to Ms Walsh on the recent birth of her baby girl.**



**School Closures: Please Note  
February Mid-Term Break:**

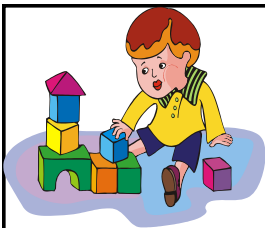
*School will close for one week, Monday 20th to Friday 24h February, school will re-open on Monday 27th February at 9.05am.*

***We wish all our pupils and their families a very happy and peaceful New Year***

**NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS— BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL:**

**A reminder to all parents that the Infant School opens each morning at 9.05am.** *Children should line up in class lines each morning, children will be collected by class teacher at 9.05am. Please ensure that your children are in school on time each day.*

**Children arriving to school early must remain in the care of parents/carers until school opens. On wet days all children and parents should stay under shelters. Once the doors open children can go directly to classroom on wet days to avoid delays. On wet days junior infant parents and children should also stay in shelter and may come in via door at first class end of corridor. The Infant School would like to thank Parents/Guardians for their co-operation in allowing pupils enter school on their own in the mornings. This has allowed for class teaching to begin without interruption or delay, ensure the safety and wellbeing of all and in particular promote independence in all pupils. Should you wish to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment with the school secretary and a suitable time will be arranged.**



**Junior Infants class for September 2017** the Infant school is now taking names of children who are due to start school this coming September. Please call to Cathy's office (secretary) and fill in enrolment form. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be included. It is important that parents apply to the school early in the year so that places can be given to all those seeking to enrol. Parents will be invited to an Information Meeting in the school normally in late April/May.



**Thank you** to all parents and friends who attended the Nativity plays before Christmas. The children in First Class remembered the Christmas Story in a special way and did themselves proud on the stage. A special word of thanks to our 1st Class teachers, Ms O Gara, Mrs Fay and Ms O Sullivan who prepared the children so well for the Christmas Plays. Also thank you to Ms McCabe for the musical accompaniment on the day. Thank you to the many parents who joined the school children and staff for our prayer service in the church before Christmas. A word of thanks to Canon John for being with us on the day.



**Address & Telephone Numbers of pupils**

**In cases of accidents or emergencies or if your child is ill during the school day, the school needs to have up to date addresses and telephone numbers for all children. Please let Cathy (secretary) know if you have moved house or if you have a new telephone/mobile number. via mobile numbers - therefore it is essential that numbers for parents are up to date.**

The Infant School children will continue in the GAA School Hurling Coaching Scheme. Senior Infant and First Class pupils will have 30mins coaching each Friday morning in the school hall with Paddy Baker, local Good Counsel Coach.

*Thanks to Paddy for bringing the THE SAM MAGUIRE CUP to classes before Christmas.*

**The next meeting of the BOM will take place on Monday 23rd January at 7.15 pm in the Infant school.**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

The week, January 29th—Feb 4th is Catholic Schools Week in all schools.

We will have a special Assembly on Friday 3rd February to celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week.

All classes will have special events during the week to celebrate our catholic school ethos.

Home School teacher Debbie Aspell has recently sent home a brochure to all parents outlining courses in the parents room. Please drop into the Parents Room for further information.

**RECENT LOTTO WINNERS:**  
**3rd December (41) Tanit Thorne**  
**10th December (43) Breda**  
**17th December (35) Joanna**  
**Thanks to Aisling King for organising our weekly lotto**

A huge thanks to all families who supported our December bake sale for our 3 schools... A total of €1,220 has been raised to date. All 3 schools acknowledge the generosity of our parent body.

A big thank you to all who supported our Christmas raffle. Winners have been notified. The total raised was €1,530 The school plan to purchase Numeracy resources for all classes to enhance the Childrens' learning experiences.

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

**School Attendance : All children should be in school each day ( unless sick or for other good reason).**

**Parents must give teacher a letter if a child is absent from school. The school has to report all absence to the National Educational Welfare Board. Parents whose children do not come to school regularly are responsible and will be contacted by the NEWB. Attendance certificates for excellent school attendance and improved attendance have been presented by Ms Coffey .**

**Well done to our parents association, and all 'Santas Helpers'**

They made sure that Santa's visit was such a success. The Parents Assoc. sponsored Santa's sack again this year. Each child in the school received a lovely gift from Santa. The boys and girls & the staff in the Infant School really enjoyed Santa's Visit and he got his usual Mourne Road welcome again !. Please continue to support the Weekly Lotto run by Aisling King at €2 per week, all funds go to support the great work of our Parents Association. Thanks to all who supported our Festive Dress up. The total raised was €111

**Santa visit 2016**

