

# NEWSLETTER

*Scoil Mháthair Dé*

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**17th February 2022**

Dear Parents,

Spring has arrived and we are approaching mid-term already. Let me update you on all that is happening here.

### **MID-TERM**

School will be closed for two days for our midterm on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

School will close for all pupils at 1.30pm on Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> for teachers to attend professional development.

### **ASD CLASSES**

Our ASD class has opened in the newly acquired portacabin 'our new classroom' and we are delighted to announce that we will be opening a second ASD class in September next in an existing classroom in the school which will be temporary until we build our new extension.

### **INCLUSIVE**

We are very proud to announce that we are inclusive in so many ways, making sure that every child has a right to be in our school and all children get on so well together. Difference is celebrated, as it should be and everyone is welcome. We realise the importance of every child being encouraged to reach their potential.

### **COVID-19**

Covid-19 has not gone away! *Safety measures* are very much a part of how we need to operate in Scoil Mháthair Dé. We need all parents to cooperate and not send your child to school with any symptoms. They will be sent home immediately for the wellbeing of all.

### **MESSAGES RE POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19**

You will receive a text message/email from me via Aladdin if there is a positive case of COVID 19 in your child's POD. You must begin antigen testing on your child right away and test on days 1,3 and 7. If your child is in school when you receive this message you must collect your child immediately. Very often young children are positive and *not have any symptoms*. It is important that you follow the HSE advice in that email and register your child for Antigen testing. IF your child is a household close contact *do not* send your child to school and follow HSE advice all the way. It is all our responsibility to make sure everybody in school is safe.

### **PLEASE BE ON TIME**

Please have all children in school *on time*. Classes begin with informal tuition at 8:50am. School formally begins at 9:00am. This means every child is in their classroom at their desks at that time.

### **WELCOME**

We continue to welcome new pupils who have arrived recently into some classes from India!

### **JUNIOR INFANTS**

Places are filling up for our new Junior Infants in September 2022. It is important that new pupils are registered *now* to avoid disappointment.

### **OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS**

The Book Rental fee of €60 is still outstanding in many cases. You will receive a reminder letter in the coming days. Fees can be paid via Aladdin on your smartphone. This fee covers all reading material, digital material, pupil licences, and art/craft materials. We need this from everyone please. If it's an oversight we understand.

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