

NEWSLETTER

Scoil Mháthair Dé

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14th October 2021

Dear Parents,
Welcome to the new pupils and parents who joined our school during the last number of weeks! We are now approaching mid-term break. See the following updates for your information.

COVID-19

Please be mindful that Covid-19 cases are continuing to rise in the community. We continue to operate Pods in all classrooms and Bubbles in the school yard in a constant effort to keep all our pupils safe. See Covid Response Plan on the school website

SICKNESS

Following on from the above and in line with school policy please do not send your child to school if they have flu like symptoms. This is causing unnecessary disruption at present and is taking a lot of time on staff trying to contacting parents to come to the school, collect children and bring them home. Please err on the side of caution and keep your child at home if they are coughing or have symptoms of any kind of flu.

If your child becomes sick in school you will receive a text via Aladdin from the classroom. Please respond promptly.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Please be informed we do not facilitate birthday parties in school. Please don't ask! Notwithstanding Covid regulations and sharing, be mindful that children have allergies and it is not safe for children to accept party food in school.

CHILD PROTECTION

Notification of a recent review of the 'Child Safety Statement' has been uploaded to the school website. Please refer to all relevant documents under the 'Child Protection' tab.

MID-TERM BREAK

School will be closed for the remainder of the week following Bank Holiday Monday Closed October 25-29. Reopening Nov 1st.

HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

Children are *welcome* to dress up on Friday Oct 22nd. Please no masks or any hand-held objects. There will be no sharing of any objects- see Risk Assessment from Covid Response Plan. Children can enjoy a fun and games day at school. Children don't have to dress up

BOOK RENTAL

A Book Rental scheme exists in the school for all pupils. This provides all literacy resources, digital resources and art/craft. It is necessary for parents to only buy copies and stationery. Fee €60pp or Family €120. ***Outstanding payments*** can continue to be paid up to and incl Nov 5th

HEALTHY EATING

It's that time of year again as we progress through Term 1 to remind everybody of our Healthy Eating Policy in SMD. It is expected that all children bring only healthy food to school. No biscuits, sweets, crisps, fizzy drinks etc

THANK YOU

Thanks to all parents for your constant supporting us in your child's learning

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