

### Fire Safety at Halloween

Halloween is a very dangerous time for children. Please talk to your child about how to keep safe at Halloween;

- \* Always go to a bonfire with a grown-up
- \* Never stand too close to a bonfire
- \* Never touch fireworks

### BE SAFE!

Joanne Butler  
Support Teacher



### School Rules

We have 5 simple rules which form the basis of our discipline code. We encourage each child to:

1. Be on time and be prepared.
2. Be fair, be friendly.
3. Talk in the right way at the right time.
4. Sit when working, walk when moving.
5. Always do your best.

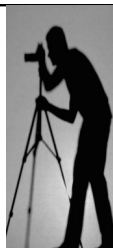


Dogs on Yard: In the interest of health & safety we ask you not to bring your dog into the school yard. A number of children are fearful of dogs and tend to panic and run when they see one. This in turn can cause an accident. Also please note that the dog warden calls and lifts dogs from time to time and there is a hefty fee required to release them.



### Photographer:

Our school photographer will be in the school on Wednesday 18th November at 9.15a.m. to photograph our new Junior Infants. Details to follow.



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

### Fire Safety at Halloween

Garda Gary and Garda Áine will come into the school this week to talk to all the children about keeping safe during at this time of the year.

### Library News!

We have very close links with our local library in The Square complex. The library offers a wide range of facilities, books, DVDs, use of computers also activities for children. The staff are extremely friendly, supportive and keen to keep this contact with the school. It would be of great benefit to your child's education if you visit the library regularly. Membership is free! Opening hours are as follows:

Closed Saturdays and Mondays of Bank Holiday Weekends

Mon: 9.45 - 8.00	Thurs: 9.45 - 8.00	Please use the Tesco exit from
Tues: 9.45 - 8.00	Fri: 9.45 - 4.30	The Square and follow the
Wed: 9.45 - 8.00	Sat: 9.45 - 4.30	pedestrian walkway to the Library.

**Best wishes,**

**Martin Morris**  
Principal



# Newsletter

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*Dear Parents / Guardians,*

*The children are well settled into their new classes and the routine of school. Thank you for the wonderful effort you have made to give your child the best start to this new school year. Continue this great start by having your child in school every day, paying the book bill, supervising homework and having your child in bed before 8.00 p.m.*

### SCHOOL CLOSURES & HOLIDAY DATES

A list of school closures for the school year 2015/16 is on the notice board in the front hall of the school.

### FORTHCOMING CLOSURES

Monday 26th October to  
Friday 30th October:

Mid Term Break  
School closed for all for 1 week

### Fire Awareness Week

The children and staff will practise fire drill during October. Please discuss this with your child, especially the importance of getting out of the building quickly and calmly and leaving all belongings behind.



### Parent / Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who attended the general parent/teacher meetings during September/October. You will have met the group of teachers working with you and your child and heard about the exciting work that will be covered by your child's teacher during the school year.

Individual parent/ teacher meetings will be held during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November for all classes except junior infants. Our next newsletter will contain further details of these meetings.

### School Lunch Provision

A highly nutritious and varied lunch is provided daily for each child. Please encourage your child to eat his/her lunch. Thanks to the School Completion Programme for providing funding for this.



### First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 - Ms O'Connor & Ms S Ryan's classes  
and Sunday 22nd May 2016 - Ms O'Driscoll's class

## Halloween Celebrations

We plan to celebrate Halloween on Friday 23rd October. Children are invited to come dressed up in Halloween outfits. For safety reasons all children must wear runners on that day. Each child is also invited to bring 1 treat (no fizzy drinks). Children will be encouraged to eat their lunch as normal and have their treat afterwards.



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## TESTING

Standardised tests are given to all children in senior infants, 1st and 2nd classes during the year. Senior infant classes will have tests in English and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes will have tests in English and Maths.

## NATIONAL FLAG



Two members of the Air Corp, Captain Eva Balfe and flight sergeant Noel Daly, presented our school with a National Flag on Wednesday 7th October. The presentation took place in the school hall with all classes present. Ryan Slattery accepted the flag and Michelle Pius accepted the Presentation Pack on behalf of the school.

Jack Mulvaney read a piece from the proclamation along with Captain Balfe.



## Home / School / Community

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It was great to meet so many of you at the September /October Parent/Teacher Meetings and also to see how so many parents signed up for courses on offer this year. As soon as the course you are interested in is starting, I will get in touch and let you know the days and times.

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## New Green School Committee

Welcome to the children from 2nd class who have joined the Green School Committee.

Jack Mulvaney } Ms. O'Driscoll  
Alanna White } class

Rebecca Murray } Ms. O'Connor's  
Darragh O'Reilly } class

Lauren Reid } Ms. S Ryan's  
Robbie Scott } class

Class work commences at 9.20 a.m. If parents/guardians wish to give a brief message to a teacher, this should be done between 9.00 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. After 9.15 a.m. the secretary can relate any messages to your child's class teacher or you can wait until home time. We ask parents not to enter the corridors after 9.20 a.m.

## IMPORTANT TRAFFIC NEWS!!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Board of Management have asked me to draw your attention to and request your assistance with regard to parking in, around and outside the school. A new designated parking space has been provided on the roadway in front of the school by the council's traffic section

- (a) In the interest of every child's safety - cars, vans, motorbikes, pushbikes are not allowed beyond the school gates at any time, for any reason, between 8.45am and 3.00pm.

Please do not park on the zigzag lines at the entrance to the school and

Please do not park on the footpath as this hampers visibility for staff members entering and leaving the school.

- (b) The Board of Management of the Senior School have requested that Parents/ Guardians do not park in their grounds or parking area.

The local Gardaí will be monitoring the situation.

Here in the Junior School over 340 children come to and from our school each day. We need to ensure a safe, happy environment for them and all the school staff.



## Early Start



A big welcome to all the girls and boys who started Preschool this year. We're delighted to see how well they have settled. Thanks to all parents/guardians for your support during the settling period. We look forward to meeting you all at the Halloween celebration on Friday 23rd October.  
Morning Group Parents - 10.15 a.m.  
Afternoon Group Parents - 1.15 p.m.

## Reminders

- Please ensure that you have sent in a change of clothes and birthday photos.
- Attendance: If your child is sick and will be absent, please phone the school to inform us of this. Ph. 4524064 ext. 27
- Please send in a school bag with your child
- Runners essential Mondays and Thursdays.

As a matter of health and safety for all children we ask you - please do not drive into the school and do not park in front of barriers when bringing or collecting your child to or from school.



We are organising our first Early Start trip to Playbarn on Thursday 26th November. More details to follow nearer the time.



The Early Start Team

## Croke Park Agreement - Extra Hour

The staff are engaging in the extra hour weekly after school outside of pupil contact time, with class group planning and staff meetings. To date the staff have worked 13 extra hours.