

Scoil Inse Rátha

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter September 2018

Dear Parents,

Everyone has settled in nicely so far this year and there is a great buzz of hard work around the building. We are planning events and initiatives for the year ahead so we hope that there will be something for everyone to enjoy while getting all of the work done too.

Parking:

I would ask you to be conscious of our neighbours when you are parking outside the school. There are double yellow lines on the road so that traffic can flow safely – please do not park on the double yellow lines or in front of our neighbours. The Set Down area outside the school is for parents who are dropping their children and leaving so should be kept clear and not parked on. I have contacted the Gardaí and asked them to keep an eye on what is going on as I am concerned for the children's safety.

New Junior Infants:

Our new Junior Infants have been great and we are delighted to see them settle in so well. They are our future so we hope that they have a very happy time in school.

Charities for the year ahead:

We have decided that we will fundraise for the Bumbleance Charity this year. See <https://www.bumbleance.com/> for more information on this charity.

Spare tracksuits/uniforms/books:

If you have any spare tracksuits or school uniforms at home that you are finished with we would love to have them as spares in case of accidents etc. We are also looking for football boots that you are finished with as some children only require boots for school games and need to borrow boots. Any of these donations can be handed in to Jacinta in the office or to your child's class teacher.

Making an appointment to speak to a teacher:

Our teachers are always happy to speak to you about your child's progress, or to address your concerns. Please ring Jacinta in the office to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time as this allows the teacher to be prepared for the meeting and to be able to give you their full attention.

Date for Parent Teacher Meetings:

Our Parent Teacher meetings this year will take place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st November. We will close at 1pm on Tuesday 20th and have meetings from 1.30pm-2.30pm. On Wednesday 21st meetings will be held from 2.45pm to 5.30pm. If these dates don't suit you please contact your child's teacher to arrange a different arrangement. We will organise the meeting times after midterm break.

Sciath na Scol:

Our school football teams have been taking part in the Sciath na Scol championship this month. They are representing our school really well and we are very proud of all involved.

Holy Communion and Confirmation: Holy Communion is on Saturday May 11th and our Confirmation is on Thursday May 2nd.

Basketball: Basketball coach Mark Scannell will start working with 3rd & 4th classes this week. Each class will get 8 weeks basketball coaching with Mark during the year.

NEWB: Please fill in pink forms and return to your child's teacher after an absence. These are essential for our reports to The National Education Welfare Board.

Official School Opening and Closing times:

Children are supervised from 8.30am each morning. They go into their classes at 8.40am and teaching starts at 8.50am. Infants go home at 1.30pm and 1st-6th classes go home at 2.30pm. Outside of these times we are not responsible for your child(ren) unless they are on a school related activity. Organisers of after school activities take responsibility for your child(ren) for the duration of their classes. We cannot take responsibility for children who are dropped to school before 8.30am.

Allianz Insurance:

Every child in our school is covered by the pupil personal accident 24hr insurance policy. The policy is valid from 1/9/2018-31/8/2019. Please visit www.allianz.ie for full details.

Board of Management:

Our Board of Management met this month and, among many other items on the agenda, ratified our new and updated policies. Details of all of our policies can be found on our school website, www.littleislands.com, under School Information.

That's all for now. Remember to watch for our latest news on our app.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

28th September: Sciath na Scol match v Coachford

1st-5th October: Space Week: www.spaceweek.ie for more details.

2nd Oct: Sciath na Scol match v Kilmagner

5th Oct: World Teacher's Day

10th Oct: ISPCC Headbomz Assembly with 4th and 5th Classes.

15th-19th Oct: Maths Week: www.mathsweek.ie

17th Oct: Board of Management meeting

24th Oct: Junior Infant vaccinations in Room 2

26th Oct: school closed for Presidential Election voting

29th Oct – 2nd Nov: school closed for midterm break.