



Saint Patrick's Nursery & Primary School  
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### **School Attendance and Lateness**

Last week we had a meeting with our assigned Educational Welfare Officer. In this meeting we discussed how our school was faring in comparison with other schools in relation to our attendance figures. We are pleased to say that the overall picture for our school remains positive, but we still have work to do. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that your child should be at school every day, unless they have a valid reason for not being here. If your child is not going to be attending school, it is vital that you contact the school office and let them know the reason for your child's absence, as this must be recorded for both school and Educational Welfare records. If your child's attendance is not as good as it should be, the school must refer your child to the Educational Welfare Services. We have also noted that there are some children who are worryingly late for school on a daily / weekly basis. This too must be recorded by the school and this is then viewed by our Educational Welfare Officer. Being consistently late for school creates huge anxiety for your child as the school day has already begun and they are trying to catch up. As a school we will be writing out to you all in the next week or so, to outline how we feel we can best work together with you all, to ensure that every child in our school gets the best possible day at school.

### **NSPCC Assemblies & Workshops**

The NSPCC are coming to school to do two assemblies for our pupils. They will speak with our P1-P4 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and with our P5-P7 pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. They will also be doing some workshops with our P6 and P7 children. The NSPCC are also going to host a parent information session on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and we would encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

### **Flu Vaccine**

Can we ask that all flu vaccination forms and accompanying permission slips be returned to school ASAP. The flu vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.



### **P4-P7 Christmas Performance**

This year our P4-P7 children will entertain us with a Christmas Play in St. Brigid's. The performance will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We expect that there will be a large turn out and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Our P1-P3 pupils will have the opportunity to showcase all of their talents with a summer show later in the year and we can't wait to see what they have in store for us!

### Sacramental Information (P4/P7)

Here are details of some upcoming events relating to the preparation of our P4 and P7 pupils for their sacraments this year.

- P7 Parents Sacrament Meeting Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov in assembly Hall at 10:30am.
- First Confession in St Brigid's at 2:00pm on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- P4 Do This In Memory Masses on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov & Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec



### Running Club

Our running club with Paul Le Blanc is up and going and is on between 3pm and 4pm each Wednesday. The club is alternating between our P4 and P5 classes. We hope that the children continue to turn out each week and enjoy this fantastic experience.



### Early Morning School Drop Offs

We have noticed with some concern, the increasing numbers of children arriving very early for school each day. We would like to remind parents/carers that we have a great Breakfast Club that anyone can avail of during the early part of the day. No child, except for those attending Breakfast Club, is supervised and we would strongly recommend that you do not drop your children onto school premises before the doors open at 8.50am, due to the risks posed.

### Book Fair

The Book Fair will be coming on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November for a week. Reading is a vital part of any child's learning and is an integral part of learning here at St. Patrick's. The Book Fair will be located in the assembly hall and opened each morning before school and from 2pm onwards. We would encourage all parents/carers to have a look at the books on offer and purchase one or two of the high quality texts on offer. If you have any other questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

### Good Luck

We would like to wish all the luck in the world to our P7 pupils who will be sitting the Transfer Test this Saturday in St. Colman's College. You have all worked very hard and we know you will do your very best.

### Wearing of Christmas Jumpers

Christmas jumper day will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December in school. On this day the children will get their Christmas dinner in school. We would like to reiterate our position that no parent/carer should feel obligated to purchase jumpers for this day.



### Early Closure in December

Our school Christmas dinner / Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. School will close at 1pm on this day for ALL PUPILS and there will be no afterschool available on this day. We would ask that all children are collected promptly.



