



Clocha Rince NS



Deireadh Fómhair 2017 Newsletter

Calendar

Mon 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov

Mon 13th November

School Closed for Mid-term

School Closed for Staff Training

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Just like the last few years the school will participate in Team Hope's Annual Shoebox Appeal. Shoeboxes can be sent in with your child to their teacher anytime on/before 10th November. There will be empty shoeboxes available inside the main door of the school from time to time, and you are welcome to take some if needed. Each child has received a leaflet giving information about the appeal and items that may be placed in the shoeboxes. There will be spare leaflets available in Liz's office and the library also if required. We would like to thank you in advance for your support in making this appeal the most successful one yet for the school. I would also like to thank Mrs McCarthy for organising this very worthwhile event which encourages us all to think of children and families who are less well off.

Cards' Night

The Cards' Night returns this Tuesday 10th October at 8:30pm. Thanks to Pat Byrne, Frank O'Meara and those who will assume the responsibility for running the night. If you are interested in playing or learning to play '25' please come along on the night and every Tuesday at 8:30pm until it ends in mid-Spring.

Like last year, we are setting up a rota of families to help with the refreshments on the night of the cards. Each family, as has been the tradition, will be given a date to help out. It involves making tea/coffee and making a few sandwiches. The school provides these items. The people on the rota provide a few biscuits and a cake or buns also. It usually lasts for about an hour and each person should only have to attend for one Tuesday in the year, if every family commits. There is no responsibility for opening or locking the school. Thanks to you all for your support in this matter. The majority of the funds raised during the cards night benefits the school.

School fees and Insurance

If your child's fees are not fully paid yet, please check with Liz how much is outstanding. If necessary, the school will devise a payment plan to help spread the cost. As the computer fee is paid directly to the teacher providing lessons it is vital that this fee is paid immediately.

Pupil Personal Accident Insurance has been paid for by the school for every pupil. If you have not reimbursed the school for this please send in €8 per child to Liz as soon as possible.

Rag-Man

The next Rag Man collection is on Wednesday 4th October. So gather up the summer clothes, clothes children have grown out of and items of bed-wear etc. that you no longer use. Any money raised from this will go towards the purchase of our new reading programme for Literacy Lift Off that is being introduced throughout the school.

Lunch Policy

The school, as part of Healthy Schools Programme, encourages healthy lunches for all children. We would like to remind you that nuts and products containing nuts should not be sent to school as we have a number of children with nut allergies. The only day that the children are allowed a treat is Friday and this should be small. The children will always be encouraged to eat the healthier food first. We will be having the first Healthy Food Challenge Week prior to Halloween and details will follow. The policy is available on the website or from school office should you need to check what items are allowed and not allowed.

Labelling Items

Please ensure that your child's jumper and coat are clearly labelled with their name. There were almost 150 items of clothing left behind last summer and the majority were not claimed. Please also label their indoor shoes, football boots etc.

Indoor shoes must be provided for your child, as per school policy. These may be an older pair of runners or plimsolls, in order that they can use them in the hall.

Confirmation and Communion Dates

The Confirmation will take place at 11am in Clocha Rince Church on Thursday 22nd February 2018. Our school will celebrate this ceremony on its own in Broadford Church. First Holy Communion will be Saturday 12th May in Clocha Rince Church at 11 am.



Hallowe'en

As usual, the children are encouraged to dress up in their Hallowe'en costumes on 27th October. This is a full day of school as normal. We look forward to seeing all sorts of spooky costumes and we particularly enjoy the creative side when children and families make their own. It is a day when the staff show their creative side too and come into work in slightly more unusual dress.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Sixth Class will be participating in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme this school year. It will involve the children creating mini-business ideas. We are awaiting full details of the scheme but in the meantime the class are busy planning ideas. We wish them every success in the venture and look forward to seeing their entrepreneurship skills. Further details will follow.



Intel Mini-Scientist

The school has registered to participate in the Intel Mini-Scientist event this year. It will involve pupils devising and submitting science projects. We look forward to their exhibits and wish each participant every success.