

January Newsletter 2016

Welcome back to a new term!

The politicians' offices have confirmed receiving a number of emails from our parents about our application for Additional Accommodation and have acknowledged the importance of numbers in bargaining with the Minister. Many thanks to those who have taken the time to do so. If you haven't yet made contact, we appeal to you to add your voice to the campaign as soon as possible!

Enrolment Sept 2015



Enrolment for the coming school year has taken place. If you have a child who is eligible to start school this September and haven't yet enrolled, **please submit your application immediately.**



Internet Safety – As part of the SPHE curriculum, the children from 1st to 6th classes will shortly be taught lessons from the Webwise Primary School Programme which is about safe and responsible use of the internet. You might take this opportunity to

discuss the issue with your child as we try to help our children develop the skills to become independent, effective and safe users of the internet for life. Further information for parents available on www.webwise.ie

The recent talk on Internet Safety for parents by Ger Brick is still available to download from the Parentzone on our website. Contact the office for the password if you wish to access it.

**Catholic
Schools
Week**



School Mass:

As part of Catholic Schools Week activities, a school mass will take place on Friday, February 5th at 1pm. Parents, Grandparents and parishioners are most welcome to attend. You are free to take your children home after mass if you wish, but please inform the class teacher on the day. School will remain open until 3pm as normal.



Board of Management Reminder:

Many children are dropped off at the school well before 9.20am, some as early as 8.45 am. The Board of Management or staff members do not accept responsibility for the supervision of these children before 9.20am, neither are the staff responsible for children outside the school at the end of the school day. Please remember also that it is the responsibility of the adult who brings or collects a child by car, to personally see the child safely inside the school gates in the morning and back to the car in the afternoon.



Children staying indoors:

Children must have a note requesting permission to stay indoors at playtime. If your child has an injury or is recovering from a severe illness we are happy to let them stay inside. However, supervising a large number of pupils indoors is not an option so if a child simply has a cold, we would encourage them to put on coats and hats and get some fresh air. If you consider your child unable to join his or her friends outdoors, perhaps they aren't fit for school and need to remain at home a little longer. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Credit Union Poster Competition

Well done to the Ella Kenny and Emily Patterson (under 7), Rachel O' Neill and Daniel Patterson (under 10) and Julia Patterson and Méabh O' Neill (under 13) who were successful in the recent Goresbridge Credit Union Poster Competition. The lucky winners received their cheques in time to cash them for Christmas.



Dates for your diary:

Catholic Schools Week - January 31st to Feb 5th, Mass on Friday, Feb 5th at 1pm

"Come dine with Scoil Mhuire" – Parent's Association fundraiser – January 30th

Parents' Association Cake Sale – Friday, February 12th

Parents' Association Clothes Collection – Wednesday, February 17th

Midterm Break The school will be closed on Thursday and Friday, February 18th and 19th.