



*Scoil Íde Presentation Primary School,
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Principal: Orla Ní Odhráin

October 25th, 2016

Dear Parents,

Here are a few items for your attention:

1. Halloween

Children may come to school dressed-up for Halloween on Friday, 28th October, 2016. The school will be closed for mid-term break from Monday 31st October and will re-open Monday, November 7th. Please do not send food containing nuts, eggs, kiwis, peas or beans into the school.

2. Parent Teacher Meetings

The Parent Teacher Meetings will take place **November 22nd and 23rd**. You will receive an appointment time closer to those dates. Please note change of date from what you may have been told.

3. In-Service Day

School will be **closed** for all pupils on November 9th, 2016 for a Primary Language Curriculum In-Service Day for teachers.

4. Absences

The school is required to remove children from the School Roll if they reach 20 days consecutive absence. If children go on holidays during the school year, this may reach 20 days consecutive absence and they will be removed from school roll, as per NEWB Policy. Children who are removed will have to re-enrol on return and places cannot be guaranteed. There may be a charge, as per our Data Protection Policy, for retrieval of data. If your child is absent from school, please let us know the reason. All absences are recorded, with the reason. Parents receive a text at 15 days absence, as a courtesy and at 20 days absence informing them that their child will be reported to the NEWB. The school has no discretion in this matter. Our Education Welfare Officer meets with the Principal regularly to discuss absences.

5. School Doors

The school doors are closed as *soon as all classes are safely inside the building with their teachers*. The gates are closed shortly after. This is for **Health & Safety reasons**, given the volume of children entering through the doors of the school. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please make an appointment through the Secretary. For non-urgent messages for the class teacher, please use the journal. After the doors have shut, children/parents should come to the front door to gain entry. We want to thank families, for your cooperation to date, we are happy that it is helping to make our school safer in the mornings.

6. Personal Belongings

Please label **everything** your child brings to school!

7. Parents Association Recycling Event

The Parents' Association are running a clothing recycling collection in conjunction with Liberty Recycling on **Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th of October from 8.35am to 9.00am at the school gate.**

8. Child Protection:

The Board of Management recently reviewed our Child Protection Policy. The Policy is on display outside the Principal's Office. The entire policy is available, on request, to any parent and is also available on the school website www.scoilidepps.com

9. Dates for your Calendar

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| October 31 st to November 7 th | School closed for mid-term break from October 31 st and will re-open Monday November 7 th , 2016. |
| November 9 th , 2016 | School closed for all pupils for an In-Service Day for teachers. |
| November 22 nd & 23 rd , 2016 | Parent Teacher Meetings |
| March 29 th , 2017 | First Penance |
| April 27 th , 2017 | Ceremony of Light |
| May 6 th , 2017 | First Holy Communion |
| May 30 th , 2017 | Confirmation |

Yours Sincerely,

O. Ní Odhráin,
Principal.