



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

October 2nd, 2017

Dear Parents,

Here are a few items for your attention:

1. School Walk

Our school walk is tomorrow, Tuesday, weather permitting. Sponsorship cards can be returned to school thereafter. If the weather is bad tomorrow, the Walk will take place on Thursday.

2. School Mass

Our opening of the school year Mass for 2nd to 6th Class is at 10:00am this Wednesday, October 4th in the Church. All welcome!

3. Substitute Teachers:

The school is finding it extremely difficult to get substitute teachers. There is a shortage of substitute teachers, especially in the Dublin area. We are currently short two substitute teachers on our staff. Therefore if a teacher is absent, we may have no choice but to split a class. We realise this is unsatisfactory, but due to the lack of subs, we may have no choice. Children who are taken home by parents will be marked absent. We ask for your understanding, we always try to do everything we can to get a substitute teacher to avoid splitting children.

4. Sacrament Dates

Our sacrament dates are now confirmed. First Communion is Saturday, May 12th, 2018 and Confirmation is Wednesday, May 30th, 2018, both in the Church at 11:00am.

5. In-Service Day

School will be **closed for all pupils on Monday, November 6th, 2017** as teachers will be attending In-Service on the new Primary Language Curriculum. *This date is immediately following the Halloween Break.*

6. Parent Teacher Meetings

The Parent Teacher Meetings will take place **November 22nd and 23rd**, from 245pm. You will receive an appointment time closer to those dates.

7. **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.

8. **Junior Infant Photos**

Junior Infant photos will be taken on **Wednesday 18th October 2017**. The photographer will send home a proof photo of your child with a link to his website to purchase photos online. *The school will not collect photograph money this year.* Please send your child to school on the day in full school uniform, not tracksuit.

9. **Lunches**

The school cannot supply lunches to children who have forgotten theirs. We do not have spare lunches & we cannot share lunches due to the risk of anaphylaxis. Please ensure your child has a lunch. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

10. **Dates for your Calendar**

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| October 3 rd | School Walk |
| October 4 th | School Mass at 10:00a.m. in the Church |
| October 30 st to November 7 th | School closed for <u>mid-term break</u> and <u>In-Service day</u> from October 31st and will re-open Tuesday November 7th, 2017. |
| November 22 nd & 23 rd | Parent Teacher Meetings |
| December 19 th | Junior Infant Play |
| December 20 th | Senior Infant Play |
| December 21 st | Christmas Mass |
| December 22 nd | School closes at 12:00pm for Christmas Holidays and will re-open Monday, January 8 th 2018 |
| May 12 th , 2018 | First Holy Communion |
| May 30 th , 2018 | Confirmation |

Yours Sincerely,

O. Ní Odhráin,
Principal.